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BIASED EVALUATIONS

Admission standards under examination

Board of Regents will decide if Northwest will categorize itself as moderately selective school.

By TRACY LYKINS
Managing Editor

Not as many people may be accepted into Northwest next year—not since the Missouri Coordinating Board decided institutions had to categorize themselves based on enrollment standards.

The Board of Regents will vote on the policy at the next Regents meeting on Feb. 24. They have to decide the category best suited for Northwest:

- Open enrollment admits any Missouri resident with a high school diploma or its equivalent into the university.

- Moderately selective requires a score of 21 on the ACT or the sum of their percentile ranking on the ACT and class standing has to exceed 100.

- Selective accepts students with an ACT score of 24 or combined point total of at least 120.

- Highly selective admits those with a score of at least 27 or combined points exceeding 140.

University President Dean Hubbard is confident the Regents will choose moderately selective.

"It will mean that students with an ACT of 21 or over are automatically accepted—or they can be, we

AUDIT PRECAUTIONS

Policy requires attendance

By DAWN EMMONS
Missourian Staff

Faculty Senate is following federal regulations by strongly urging those instructors who are not enforcing the mandatory class attendance policy to do so.

The mandatory class attendance policy is a request by the federal government to all universities. It states that all universities must keep a student's class attendance record for financial aid reasons.

"It's not saying that students can't miss class," David Slater, Faculty Senate president, said. "It's saying that all faculty must take attendance so the financial aid department can keep track of students who are not attending classes."

The mandatory attendance policy is designed so the federal government can make sure students who receive financial aid are attending classes.

If the federal government audits

Northwest and the Financial Aid Office cannot verify the last day a student attended classes, the University must repay the federal government the full amount that was given to the student.

"Taking attendance takes time away from teaching," Richard Frucht, Faculty Senate member, said. "Teaching is my job, not taking attendance. But, I understand the University's position."

Although most Northwest faculty understand why they must take class attendance, they do not all agree with the principle of the policy.

"I hate attendance policies," Frucht said. "It's like buying a ticket to see a movie. If the person decides not to stay for the movie, the usher cannot make the person stay."

Approximately 60 percent of the students at Northwest receive some type of financial aid.

"Ideally, the policy is a positive

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DANCE ENSEMBLE

Alvin Ailey brings dances to campus

By TONYA RESER
Assignment Editor

An injury and a number of changes in dancers did not stop the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble from performing Wednesday, Jan. 27, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center in front of a crowd of 600 students, faculty and community members.

The dance group, which was scheduled to perform "Guerilla Love Song Dances," had to make last-minute changes to the number "Seeds," because of an injury one of the dancers received. The other numbers, "To Have and to Hold" and "Isba" went as planned with a couple of substitutions in dancers.

The changes did not cause a negative response in the audience. The group received applause and a standing ovation.

"I thought it was fabulous," Brenda Ashley, junior, said. "I don't think I blinked the whole time. I just sat there in awe."

The company consists of 12 dancers and is a bridge between school and professional dance companies.

The group blends the classical form of ballet with a more modern dance.

Ailey started a workshop including the most outstanding American Dance Center students in 1974, and this began the tour. The American Dance Center is the official school of the Alvin Ailey

American Dance Theater. Ailey said this has become one of the most exciting components of the Dance Center.

The group tends to place emphasis on repertoire, technique and performance.

The performance was sponsored by Northwest Encore Performances.



Members of the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble perform the dance number "Seeds" Wednesday, Jan. 27, at the Mary Linn Performing Center. The ensemble was part of the Northwest Encore Performances.

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UNIVERSITY EXPENDITURES

University invests in Electronic Campus, laboratories

By SCOTT PUMMELL
Missourian Staff

academic equipment, showing the importance it puts on the most current technology available. Nearly \$750,000 of the money is being spent to upgrade departmental labs and \$1 million is being spent to improve the Electronic Campus.

"This allocation, by the time that we get done with it, will reach close to three-quarters of \$1 million that goes to the different departments, plus the \$1 million for the two new mainframe computers," Robert Culbertson, vice president for Academic Affairs, said of the record spending this year on academic equipment.

"This allocation will take care of shortfalls that this institution has had for a

long time in upgrading the quality of our academic equipment. I also think that it, in terms of how it will position us compared to other regional campuses, puts us in a very good position for students who come to this University and an increasing number of areas will be using state-of-the-art equipment," he said.

Of the money going to the academic departments, a good portion will be going to develop a "chemistry lab of the 21st century," University President Dean Hubbard said.

The laboratory will be used to supplement classroom instruction with complicated simulations and computer-aided instruction.

"The laboratory is going to be used for computer-simulated experiments to

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INSIDE

'CATS VICTIMIZED BY THEFT'

▼ Basketball team travels to Missouri Western and is burglarized during halftime. Page 9

SUGGESTIONS FOR SPRING BREAK

▼ Find out the most popular destinations for students during Spring Break in a special supplement.

ALL DOWNHILL FROM HERE



JACK VAUGHT/Northwest Missourian

While most people were out enjoying the warming temperatures, Ross Hullinger tries to hold on to the winter. Although rising temperatures turned most of the snow into slush, he and his friends enjoyed an afternoon of sledding.

SPECIAL ELECTION

Student auditions for City Council position

By STEVEN WOOLFOLK
Associate Editor

Eric Dierkins, a student at Northwest, is throwing his hat into the political arena.

The 30-year-old Dierkins has announced his candidacy for a position on the Maryville City Council.

Dierkins said he began considering making a run for the position when he heard there were two seats open.

His primary concern is for low-income families in Maryville.

Living in low-income housing himself, he said he knows it is a problem that should be dealt with.

"In Maryville, there seems to be a low level of concern for low-income families," Dierkins said. "The major issues in City Council are Mozingo and the Highway 71 project. Those are both important, but there are other needs that should be addressed."

He said because he is new to the Maryville community, he can see problems from a different perspective.

"I have only been in Maryville for a year," Dierkins said. "I can see problems from a different view than people who have lived here all their lives may not be able to see."

According to Dierkins, running was not a "seat-of-the-pants" decision.

"My running for city council, I do not take this lightly," he said. "I am not a college kid who just wants to see how far he can get in the election."

not equipped with the funds to run a full-fledged campaign, but he was quick to point out it does not take money to care for the city.

"In Maryville you do not have to be a business person to want to do something for the city," he said. "The opportunity is there for me to help."

Although Dierkins' primary concern is with the community, he said he was willing to work with the University if they were interested.

"I am not sure what the University would like City Council to do, but I would be more than happy to work with the University if there is anything I could do that would help them," he said.

Eric Dierkins
City Council
Candidate

to come from people attending the University.

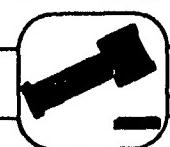
"I brought it up to a few people earlier this year, and the response that I got was that most of the students don't vote in Maryville because they don't live here or they are not registered here," Dierkins said.

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WEEKLY BRIEFING

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HEARINGS

Discipline Committee hears cases

Results of the Student/Faculty Discipline Committee hearings from cases held over from Fall 1992:

■ A male was found guilty of violation of probation by failing to attend the After Hours program. He was sentenced to campus conduct probation through May 15 and fined \$25.

■ A male was accused of inappropriate behavior by failing to produce identification upon request. He was found guilty, given a conduct warning, and ordered to get a new ID and write a letter of apology.

■ A male was found guilty of violation of probation and failing to comply with a University official and to complete service hours, which led to another violation of probation.

He was sentenced to strict campus conduct probation except for Section D4, which makes students ineligible to receive financial assistance, through May 15. He was also fined \$25 and told to complete service hours.

■ A female was found guilty of inappropriate behavior and asked to move out of her residence hall for remaining time at Northwest and fined \$100.

■ A male was found not guilty of stealing.

■ A male was cited with violation of quiet/courtesy hours and violation of probation. He was found not guilty.

■ A male was charged with the misuse of the computer system and sentenced to campus conduct probation through May 15. He also lost his computer account through March 6.

■ A male was accused of misuse of the computer system and sentenced to strict campus conduct probation through May 15. His computer account was disabled through May 15.

■ A male was charged with inappropriate behavior and violation of probation. He was found guilty and sentenced to strict campus conduct probation through May 15, except for Section D4. He also lost his Ala Dine privileges.

■ A male was found guilty of violation of quiet/courtesy hours, failure to comply, security and possession of a BB gun. He was sentenced to strict campus conduct probation except for Section D4 through Dec. 3 and a fine of \$100 and is restricted from North/South Complex.

■ A male was found guilty of violation of quiet/courtesy hours, failure to comply, security and inciting mob activity. He was sentenced to strict campus conduct probation except for Section D4 through Aug. 15 and removed from North/South Complex for the duration of the probation.

■ A male was found guilty of violation of quiet/courtesy hours, security and an alcohol violation and was sentenced to campus conduct probation through May 15. He was also requested to attend the After Hours program.

■ A female was charged with pulling a false fire alarm. She was found guilty and sentenced to campus conduct probation through May 15. She was also asked to attend the After Hours program and fined \$100.

■ In a related case, another female was found guilty of pulling a false fire alarm and sentenced to campus conduct probation through May 15, asked to attend After Hours and fined \$100.

■ A male was charged with violation of quiet/courtesy hours, failure to comply, security, damage and vandalism, and a second alcohol offense. When failing to meet with the dean of students he was charged with failing to comply.

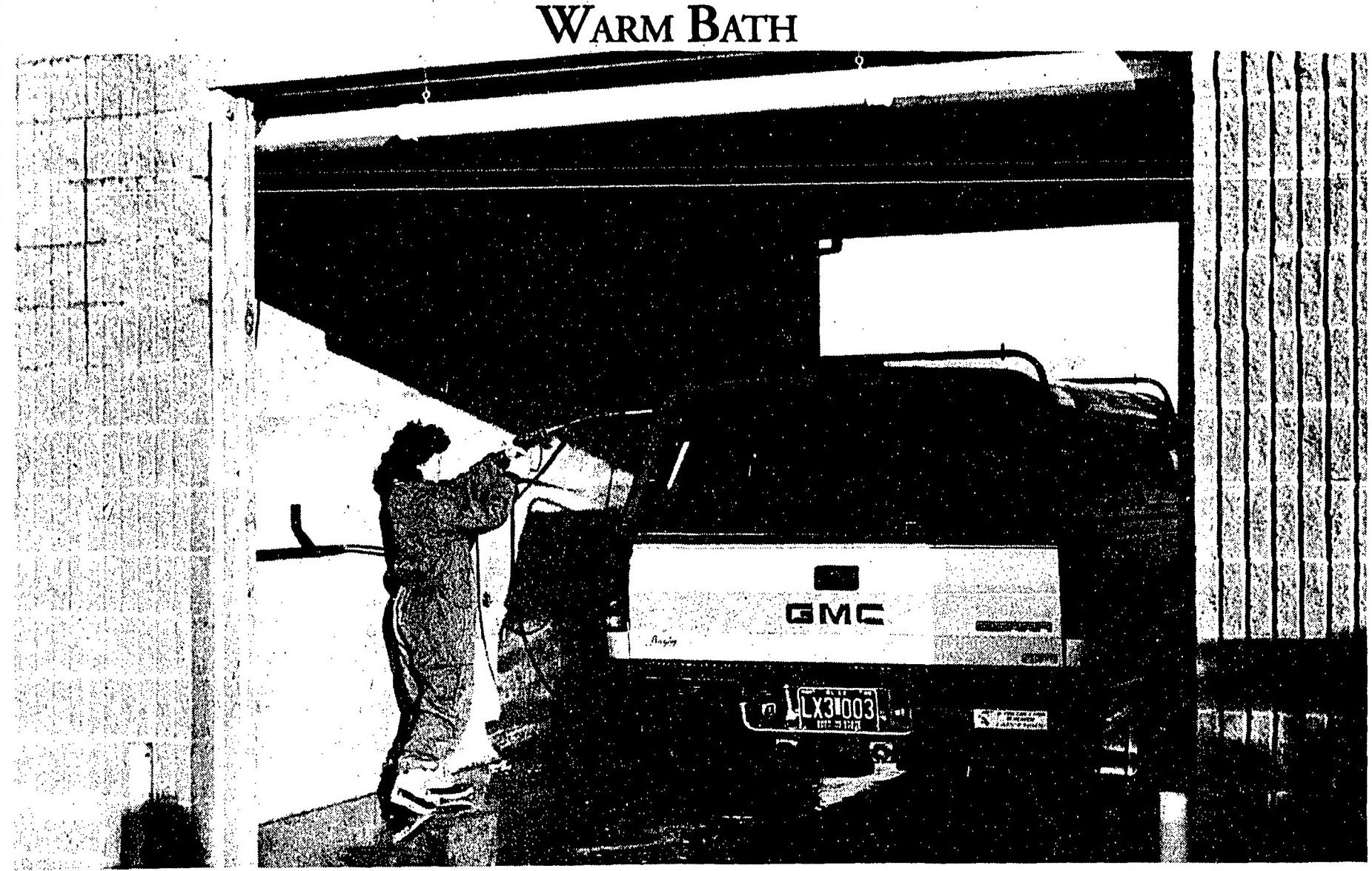
Later, other charges of a quiet/courtesy violation, security and violation of probation were also added. He was found guilty of all but damage and vandalism and dismissed from the institution for three years.

■ A male was found guilty of a visitation and escort violation and sentenced to campus conduct probation through May 15.

■ A male was found guilty of an escort violation and failing to comply. He was sentenced to campus conduct probation through May 15.

■ A male was found guilty of institutional vandalism and sentenced to strict campus conduct probation except for Section D4 until the first day of classes in spring of 1994. The committee asked for restitution of damages in the sum of \$125.

■ A male was found guilty of driving while intoxicated and sentenced to strict campus conduct probation through the first day of classes in spring of 1994. The committee also asked for restitution of damages in the sum of \$500.



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POLITICAL ARENA

Local attorney vies for state Senate

By STEVEN WOOLFOLK
Associate Editor

Sen. Pat Danner's election to the U.S. Senate has left her position in the Missouri Senate vacant, and local attorney Frank "Chip" Strong Jr. would like to fill it.

According to Strong, he, like Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan, believes education has to be a priority in Jefferson City. Strong is specifically concerned with the process by which funds are distributed to public schools.

"The Foundation Formula is the formula used now, and it is very complicated," Strong said. "Because of under-funding in the leg-

islature and because of a change in demographics, the formula does not make it fair so that every child has an equal opportunity."

He said if elected to office he would make examining and revising the formula among his primary concerns. With the current focus on elementary and secondary education, Strong said he believed higher education needs just as much attention.

"I support Gov. Carnahan's desire for increased education funding, and I realize that probably some of it may come from a small tax increase that would be much smaller than Proposition B a couple of years

ago," Strong said. "However, higher education has to understand that if there is going to be increased funding, there is also going to be increased expectations that accompany the increase."

Although Strong is in favor of increased funding for all education, he would also welcome the opportunity to protect and improve Northwest.

"I will do absolutely the best I can to protect the funding of Northwest and increase it whenever possible," Strong said. "I'm on the Board of Regents; if I was elected I would have to resign from the Board, but I went to school here, I live here

and I will do anything I can to help Northwest."

Strong said he became interested in the Missouri Senate position before Danner was elected to the U.S. Senate.

"Ever since probably last fall the whole idea of it possibly being open came into my mind, and I waited until about the time she resigned from her state Senate position to really begin planning to run," Strong said.



IMPROVEMENTS PLANNED

City opposes increase in telephone service charge

Missouri Public Service Commission wants to offer modernized services to customers statewide by 2000.

By JODI PULS
Assistant Editor

"Raise" is slowly becoming the word of the year. A tax hike on energy sources has threatened to raise the price of gas, renovating Lamkin Gym has raised tuition and now the state wants improved telephone service that may raise telephone service rates.

United Telephone Company is planning to improve their service statewide, because some communities with older systems do not have the features the modern facilities have.

The company had planned to have the changes made by the year 2007, but the Missouri Public Service Commission has suggested that the upgrade be finished by the year 2000.

Al Caroll, supervisor for United Telephone, said in order to complete the project within that time frame, they have proposed a rate increase for their customers.

"We told the commission, 'We're going to have to increase rates if you want us to move up the date,'" Caroll said.

According to the telephone company, Maryville area residents now pay \$4.95 per month for telephone access, and with the proposed increase they will have to pay \$10.80.

Maryville businesses who now pay \$9.85 per month will pay \$21.80.

This amount, according to Mayor Gerald "Doc" Henggler, is too much.

"I think the raise is enormous in the amount that they are asking for, and I feel that it's way out of line," Henggler said. "They're asking for way too much."

According to Caroll, even with the increase, their rates will be reasonable.

"Even with the increase, (the new telephone rates) are still below the state level and national level," he said. "We still feel it's a bargain at what we are asking for."

Henggler said he believes the increase will hurt residents who live on fixed incomes, especially the elderly.

"Maryville has a lot of retired people who live on a fixed income," Henggler said. "Most of them definitely need telephone service, and a lot of the elderly wouldn't be able to afford the increase."

According to Caroll, they understand that some custom-

ers who live on a fixed income may find it difficult to deal with the increase, but help may be available.

He said that people who qualify for discounted gas and electric will also be qualified for a discount on their phone service.

Because the city opposes the increase, it has taken steps to stop the increase.

"We have filed to intervene with the Public Safety Commission," Henggler said.

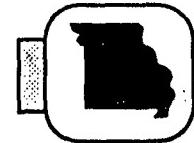
"That will make them (the phone company) prove that that high of a raise is necessary," he said.

According to Henggler, intervening has been successful in the past.

"We intervened in the light and power rate increase and got our rate lowered from what they requested," Henggler said.

Caroll said if they do not get the money to get the changes made within the time the commission wants, they will have to go back to the original plans they had to complete the project in the year 2007.

"If the commission will allow us to increase the rate sufficiently enough to do our job, we'll do it. If not, we'll adjust to do what we can do," Caroll said.



STATE NEWS

Teachers may receive salary increase

St. Joseph teachers, who for two years have survived on the same salary, could be up for a 3 percent raise this fall, according to the district's preliminary budget.

The \$48 million budget, which sets aside \$1.1 million for a "proposed cost of living increase," also targets the district's stalled textbook program and provides money to get the district off the state's "financially stressed" list.

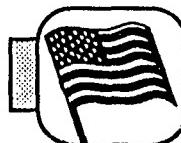
According to Superintendent Dan Colgan, if the salary increase is approved, it could help school employees whose sacrifices have helped the district survive financially difficult times. (St. Joseph News-Press)

Missouri Public Service recommends rate cut

Missouri utility regulators are considering a staff recommendation to reduce Missouri Public Service's electric revenues by up to \$6.1 million a year.

In a non-binding recommendation Friday, Jan. 22, the state Public Service Commission staff said Missouri Public Service was improperly passing some of UtiliCorp United Corp's corporate expenses to its Missouri electric customers.

According to PSC general counsel Mary Ann Young, the PSC staff has not yet calculated the impact of its recommendations on typical residential



NATIONAL NEWS

Supreme Court Judge Marshall dies at age 83

Thurgood Marshall, the nation's first African-American justice, died of heart failure at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 24, at age 83.

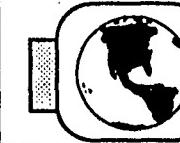
Marshall was named to the U.S. Supreme Court in 1967 by President Lyndon Johnson, but he was already known as a champion of the poor and powerless. In his 23 years as chief counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Marshall was credited with smashing centuries-old legal barriers to racial equality.

Marshall's most famous victory was in Brown vs. Board of Education, which led the Supreme Court in 1954 to outlaw racially segregated public education. Of the 32 cases he argued before the high court, he won 29.

As a justice, he opposed the death penalty and was a forceful advocate of abortion rights, affirmative action and legal protections for criminal defendants. When the court in 1977 ruled states were under no legal obligation to pay for "non-therapeutic" abortions wanted by women on welfare, Marshall disagreed.

"The enactments challenged here (state laws barring Medicaid funding for abortions) brutally coerce poor women to bear children whom society will scorn for every day of their lives," Marshall wrote.

Marshall retired from the Supreme Court at the end of the 1990-91 term, and although he said he planned to take it easy, he remained active, hearing cases as a member of the bench in the U.S. Court of Appeals. (Kansas City Star)



WORLD NEWS

Japan names first American to yokozuna

Sumo wrestler Chad Rowan, known professionally as Akebono, was the first American to be recommended for elevation to the sumo's exalted rank of yokozuna or grand champion.

He earned his title by winning his second consecutive tournament on Sunday, Jan. 24, and he did it in convincing fashion, blasting Japan's most popular sumo star out of the ring with a powerful shove to the jaw.

Rowan will be only the 64th yokozuna in the last three centuries, and the only one who is currently active.

His triumph is significant because last year another American wrestler was denied promotion to yokozuna even though his record was comparable to that of Japanese wrestlers who had held the title.

Rowan is a 6-foot-8-inch, 466-pound 23-year-old. (Kansas City Star)

Iraq hesitates to indicate weapons suppliers

A U.N. nuclear monitor pressed Monday, Jan. 25, for a full accounting of foreign suppliers for Iraq's nuclear weapons program and said experts were studying an 80-name list compiled earlier by inspectors.

Iraqi officials say they have divulged 90 percent of the companies but gave no indication when the other names would be released.

Deputy Prime minister Tariq Aziz called for better relations with Washington and denied that his country has targeted allied warplanes. (Kansas City Star)

OUR VIEW

Editorials express the view of the *Northwest Missourian*. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists and readers.

Homosexuals deserve rights

There is absolutely no cause for discrimination in a nation, which was built on the ideal of equality.

Unfortunately, there is discrimination in every aspect of our society. Just because there is discrimination does not grant validity to the practice.

The latest act of discrimination affecting the general population is the ban of homosexuals in the military. This act is a blatant form of penalizing an individual because of one's differences.

Hated toward members of our society may not appear to affect us all, but it does. Any form of hatred segregates our entire society.

We cannot allow this ignorance to continue.

This is not a question of morality, rather a question of whether an individual, no matter what their differences are, should have the opportunity to serve our nation.

We believe this discrimination is a useless form of energy. The world has no capacity for this mindless bigotry against any lifestyle.

One of the promises President Bill Clinton made to the voters was to lift the ban on homosexuals in the military. While attempting to hold true to this promise, certain members of society have become increasingly fearful of the idea of integrating homosexuals into the military.

This fear is absurd. Fear stems from ignorance, and ignorance is detrimental to a free society.

This is not a time in world affairs to have what we believe to be a trivial setback compared to other pressing matters like starvation in Somalia, ethnic cleansing in Croatia and bloodshed in South Africa.

Decisions regarding this will rotate through the executive, judicial and legislative branches of the government.

A true change will only come when all members of our society realize we all possess differences, which make us unique. These differences should never be a reason for discrimination.

We are all equal no matter what sex we are, what religion we practice, what the color of our skin is or what our sexual preferences are.

In the Jan. 21 issue, My Turn wrongly attributed a quote to John F. Kennedy. The quote should have been attributed to Franklin D. Roosevelt. The *Missourian* regrets the error.

Regina Roe
Freshman

University must recognize different strengths, weaknesses of students taking required courses.

Majors, non-majors should be separated in general studies

Have you ever been in a class where everyone seemed to be more knowledgeable than you? Or perhaps you felt like you had already learned the things being taught?

If you agree that students almost always go into fields that they are good at, then you have to admit that when entering a required class in their field these students are at an advantage.

The problem is general courses do not distinguish between students with high aptitudes in that given subject and those that just get by.

In these integrated courses someone has to give, and unfortunately it is usually the student that is already competent in that area. There is a very simple way to avoid this dilemma — separate majors from non-majors in general course studies.

If this plan were to go into effect, science majors would be separated from other majors in biology classes, art majors would be sepa-

rated from non-art majors in art appreciation and so on.

I am a first-year English major and had to enroll in the composition classes required of all Northwest students (111 and 112).

I started out the semester with a popular teacher. This instructor is known to be an easy grader; because of this, students that are not good at writing are attracted to her class.

Such students generally do not enjoy writing and have very "basic" problems.

They just want to fulfill the general requirements and get on with their own field of interest.

Meanwhile, a more advanced student is stuck reviewing things they have considered common knowledge since eighth grade.

Look at it another way, I am not good at math. And when it comes time for me to take a math course, I would hope that everyone in the class is as bad as me. I would not do as well if there were math experts surrounding me. I

would be less likely to ask questions for fear of sounding silly.

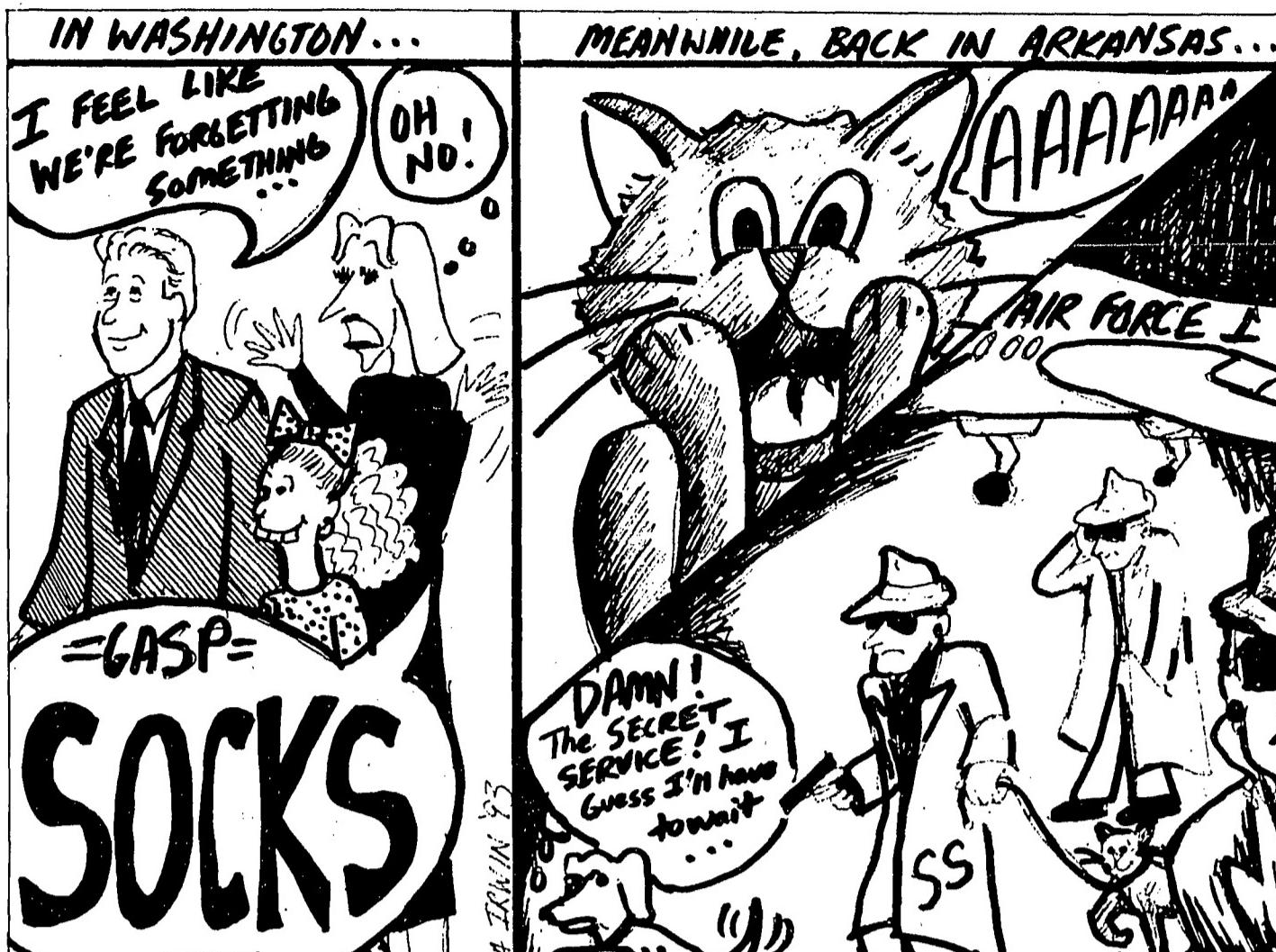
One of two things is bound to happen: the class will keep moving at the same pace and leave me behind, or the "experts" would have to twiddle their thumbs while I struggle with the greatest common denominator of 25 and 38.

My point is this: If general classes were separated by majors and non-majors everyone would be on a comparative level.

No one would be in over their head, and if they were, chances are everyone else would be too. No one would go unchallenged.

Everyone would get "the most" out of the course; the instructors could better perform their jobs, and the students' progress would prove that this system had made a difference.

It becomes most clear that this is a serious problem when a student is very excited about learning and situations like this prevent them from doing so:



MY TURN

Derrick Barker
Assistant Editor

Recent controversy places first daughter in heat of spotlight.

Press should leave Chelsea alone

Think for a moment about your life at 12 years old. Scary, isn't it? I remember the dreadful times when I feared going to class because my face was filled with acne.

The days of adolescence are a struggle for any normal 12-year-old, but what about the kids whose parents shine in the spotlight of the media?

For Chelsea Clinton, the lifestyle of a president's child has just begun.

Last week, Chelsea's pictures splashed across the front page of every newspaper about a recent controversy. This sent a blunt and frightening message from the press to the first daughter: "Sorry, Chelsea, but you are no longer a normal kid — you are now the property of the media."

Such a media blitz is reminiscent of

the election days when mobs of photographers were recording every move the Clintons' cat. It wasn't long afterwards that Bill warned the press to stay clear from the four-legged feline.

The controversy has been over the choice of Chelsea's new school in Washington, Sidwell Friends. Her father, who has strongly supported public schools, was now a parent traveling the road of private school choice.

This decision has been ruled a hypocrisy alert by conservative right-wingers, a disappointment by public educators. Nevertheless, it has pointed a large amount of attention Chelsea's way.

Even as the chatter has begun to die down, the cameras have still remained focused on Chelsea.

Local radio stations have already crossed the lines of bad taste. Several disc jockeys have been making more than a few bad comments about Chelsea's "homely" appearance on their morning shows. One of them had the audacity to call her "ugly."

There are no ugly children. What is ugly is this insensitive treatment given to a young girl who does not deserve it. Such behavior is irresponsible action displayed by those who should be adult enough to know better.

Those who appear to be suffering from a bad case of vanity should think back to their adolescence and put themselves in Chelsea's shoes. That image just might keep their rude and unnecessary comments to themselves and away from the first child.

CAMPUS VOICE

What do you think President Bill Clinton should focus on his first few weeks in office?

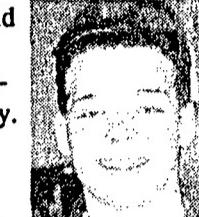
"I think it is most important that he focuses on the change between the Bush administration and his administration, because I don't think it has totally changed over yet. I think serious problems could incur if the change is not made smoothly."

Jason Dean, senior



"I think he should quit worrying about homosexuals in the military. Since the big question in the election was the economy, he should probably show us what big plan he's got."

Jeramie Kramer, freshman



"With the foreign policy issues left by the previous administration, Clinton needs to find a way to keep the American people's trust."

Byron Willis, senior



"Education, because I think that with all of the cuts in funding in the past couple of years, and the lack of funding for scholarships and things of that nature, that he really needs to look into redirecting some of the government money from the useless things into where it is needed."

Kris Gilfilian, junior



THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE RIGHT

Murray Farish
Missourian Staff

Military leaders believe homosexuals should not be allowed in the military; their voices should be heard.

Homosexuals will inhibit military tradition

President Clinton finally seems to be keeping a campaign promise. Or at least he appears to be. The problem is, it's the wrong promise.

The president appears to be keeping his promise to lift the ban on homosexuals in the armed services.

I say "appears" because I am giving Bill Clinton the benefit of the doubt. I am hoping that all of his endless spouting about how this discrimination is wrong and has to stop is just politics.

I am hoping that he is trying to make himself look good to his special interest group of the moment, even though he knows that the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Congress are overwhelmingly against him.

If this is the case, it's a good move politically. When it's over, Clinton can go to the gay rights people and say, "Look, I tried, but there's just too much opposition out there. But while we may have suffered defeat at this time, the war is not over. We shall overcome."

Then everyone can launch into a paroxysm of ringing bells and holding hands and marching, and the integrity of the military will be saved.

It is a misconception that the exclusion of gays from the military is an arcane idea based on bigotry and advanced by conservatives to diminish gays as members of society. As is usually the case, the truth is far more practical than that.

The military has one specific and distinct purpose — to kill the enemy with maximum efficiency and effectiveness, and it is the belief of the leaders of our military that allowing homosexuals into the services will diminish that purpose.

These people haven't gotten where they are by being wrong about military matters, and our armed forces haven't gotten where they are by being poorly directed.

These leaders think that allowing open homosexuality in the military

will hurt morale and damage military recruiting. These men have their reasons for this belief and they should be listened to and not simply discarded as voices that are out of step with our society at large.

There are many arguments put forth by gay rights activists for allowing gays into the military. They say that they can work together as well as any other soldiers. They say that there is no greater danger from disease from them than from the rest of the troops. They say they won't have sex while in the service.

They can't work together as well as other soldiers because other soldiers don't want anything to do with them.

Homosexuals are one of the most fractionalized groups in society, and they will group themselves the same way in the military. Homosexuals are a group with an extremely high AIDS risk. When a medic runs onto a battlefield to pull a wounded soldier off the

lines the last thing this man needs to be worried about is getting blood on him.

Finally, the most vacuous argument by gay rights groups is that they will refrain from sex while in the service.

This is preposterous.

Men and women in the Army don't refrain from sex, as is evidenced by the tremendous baby boom that took place in the military after women began to be admitted.

Carl Sandburg once said that the ugliest word in human language is "exclusive."

Well, maybe so. Exclusion is ugly, but like many other ugly things in life, it is sometimes necessary.

Here's hoping that all this bluster and bluff from Clinton is just that. Here's hoping he's really not going to start keeping campaign promises now.

Here's hoping that Clinton is doing the same thing to the homosexuals that he's done to the rest of us. Uh, well, perhaps I should put that another way.

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GUEST COLUMN

Homosexuals will inhibit military tradition

Have you ever been in a class where everyone seemed to be more knowledgeable than you? Or perhaps you felt like you had already learned the things being taught?

If you agree that students almost always go into fields that they are good at, then you have to admit that when entering a required class in their field these students are at an advantage.

The problem is general courses do not distinguish between students with high aptitudes in that given subject and those that just get by.

In these integrated courses someone has to give, and unfortunately it is usually the student that is already competent in that area. There is a very simple way to avoid this dilemma — separate majors from non-majors in general course studies.

If this plan were to go into effect, science majors would be separated from other majors in biology classes, art majors would be sepa-

rated from non-art majors in art appreciation and so on.

I am a first-year English major and had to enroll in the composition classes required of all Northwest students (111 and 112).

I started out the semester with a popular teacher. This instructor is known to be an easy grader; because of this, students that are not good at writing are attracted to her class.

Such students generally do not enjoy writing and have very "basic" problems.

They just want to fulfill the general requirements and get on with their own field of interest.

Meanwhile, a more advanced student is stuck reviewing things they have considered common knowledge since eighth grade.

Look at it another way, I am not good at math. And when it comes time for me to take a math course, I would hope that everyone in the class is as bad as me. I would not do as well if there were math experts surrounding me. I

would be less likely to ask questions for fear of sounding silly.

One of two things is bound to happen: the class will keep moving at the same pace and leave me behind, or the "experts" would have to twiddle their thumbs while I struggle with the greatest common denominator of 25 and 38.

My point is this: If general classes were separated by majors and non-majors everyone would be on a comparative level.

No one would be in over their head, and if they were, chances are everyone else would be too. No one would go unchallenged.

Everyone would get "the most" out of the course; the instructors could better perform their jobs, and the students' progress would prove that this system had made a difference.

It becomes most clear that this is a serious problem when a student is very excited about learning and situations like this prevent them from doing so:

Brown honored

Former representative recognized for service to Maryville community.

By STEVEN WOOLFOLK
Associate Editor

When someone the stature of former Missouri 5th District Rep. Everett Brown leaves office, it is difficult to put into words the things he has done for his constituents.

On Tuesday, Jan. 25, just under 300 of Brown's friends and family members gathered at the University Conference Center to share fond and humorous memories of the man they know as Everett.

University President Dean Hubbard began the evening speaking of his first experiences as president of the University and the role Brown played in helping him prepare for life in the public sector.

"I will never forget the advice he gave me, because it really reflects the kind of person that Everett is," Hubbard said.

"He said, 'First of all, you are expected to be an advocate for your institution; that is what people expect—that when you go there, you will represent the school, and you will fight for it. On the other hand, you'll get along fine with legislators if you are honest, keep your word and you are a good loser.'"

Following Hubbard's welcome and dinner, Northwest's Celebration choir performed.

They performed many favorites including a tribute to Brown sung by the women of celebration and a tribute to Shoba Brown, Everett's wife, sung by the men of Celebration.

However, a roast would not be a roast without the ruthless cheap shots by the guest of honor's friends.

Rollie Stadlman, master of ceremonies, spoke briefly of Brown before announcing the first of four planned speakers.

"What do you say about a man who has been a gentleman all through his career? What do you say about a man who has made indelible impression with all that he has come in contact with? What do you say?" Stadlman asked.

"And, I suppose we'll have that problem when Dr. Bob Bush retires, but, of course, we're here tonight to talk about Everett Brown."

Stadlman introduced Maryville Mayor Gerald Henggeler, who in turn presented Brown with the Mayors' Proclamation honoring him for the role he played in promoting the city of Maryville.

Stadlman followed up the proclamation by announcing the beginning of the "tributes to Everett" and announcing the first speaker, former Missouri State Representative Marvin Proffer.

"You all have got to name this guy Mozingo Brown," Proffer said in reference to Brown's devotion to the Mozingo Water Shed project in northwest Missouri. "When I left (the Missouri legislature) I finally didn't have to listen to him about Mozingo anymore."

"When I first went into the legislature they were talking about Ev having this big fire, and they said it burned all his books, and I said, 'My gosh, knowing Everett like that, as good a teacher as he is, I better go help him. I better go raise some money,'" Proffer said. "The guys said, 'Oh now, don't get to excited, he only had two books, and one of them had already been colored in.'"

Proffer added that although Brown pushed for what his constituents needed, he was always there, and willing to do anything, for the people he considered his friends.

"Everett Brown is the type of person you like to say, 'He's my friend,'

and, as a result, I would travel anywhere in the world to be with Everett Brown. God bless you, Ev. I think the world of you," Proffer said.

Jim Blackford, president of the Nodaway County Economic Develop-

ment; Shawna Zech, a lifetime friend of Brown and his family members; and Robert Foster, former president of Northwest, were the other featured guests who presented the "Tributes to Everett."

DON CARRICK/Northwest Missourian

Friends like John Hopper Jr., chairman of the Democratic Committee in Nodaway County, thank Everett Brown for his years of service to the people of Missouri's 5th district. A banquet was held in Brown's honor Tuesday, Jan. 26, in the University Conference Center. Along with a mayor's

proclamation declaring it "Everett Brown Week" many co-workers and acquaintances spoke in "tribute" to Brown.

The evening ended with a brief acknowledgment from Brown.

"If I had to choose over again, I would not choose another place than Maryville and northwest Missouri to live and serve," Brown said.

TicketMaster service available at Hy-Vee

Concert goers can now get the seats they want without leaving town.

By JODI PULS
Assistant Editor

Sure, it is fun to pack up the sleeping bags, lawn chairs and coolers to head off to St. Joseph or Kansas City with a bunch of friends to wait in an endless line to get nosebleed section tickets to see the Spin Doctors, Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers, Boyz II Men or Garth Brooks, but why go to all the trouble?

Now it is possible to get tickets that are just as good simply by visiting the Hy-Vee service counter in Maryville.

In December, Hy-Vee became a TicketMaster, making it possible for Maryville residents to get tickets to any TicketMaster event.

Hy-Vee store manager Fred Von Behren said the need for the service in

the area was realized by TicketMaster and Hy-Vee jumped at the chance to provide the service to its customers.

"There's a need for that up here in this part of the world," Von Behren said. "We felt it was a good service to provide for people who shop here."

Since the service just became available, business has not picked up yet.

"We've had a little trouble getting the word out," Von Behren said.

According to Von Behren, people have a good chance to get the tickets they want without driving to Kansas City or St. Joseph, Mo., to get them.

"People think if they go to St. Joseph or Kansas City, they have a better chance to get tickets," Von Behren said. "But they probably have a better chance to get them here."

Von Behren said that because the computer terminal has links into the same system as every other TicketMaster's and the lines at Hy-Vee have not been too long, it is pos-

sible for people to get in a little quicker here rather than at one of the larger city locations.

The only problem Von Behren has noticed is that not all customers realize that ticket sales are final until after they have purchased the tickets and decide they no longer want them.

"Once they've taken those tickets, there is no way we can take them back," Von Behren said. "But that's a TicketMaster policy, and we have to go by their rules."

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Hy-Vee employee Corey Goff takes time to review the newly installed TicketMaster computer. The new service will allow Maryville residents and Northwest students to get tickets to any TicketMaster event.

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New chemistry labs to enhance education

Computerized classes allow students chance to experience future.

By LISA KLINDT
Missourian Staff

Beginning next semester, chemistry students will be introduced to computer-simulated experiments as a result of the installation of 20 microcomputers in the new chemical lab of the future.

The new lab will supplement the hands-on experiments already conducted in the chemistry classes.

The lab will be located in Garrett-Strong.

"The real advantage of the chemical lab is that we will be able to do experiments in a simulated computer lab with a large number of students that are impossible now because of costs, highly toxic chemicals and other problems," Ed Farquhar, chairman of the chemistry department, said.

In addition to the simulated experiments computer-aided instruction will also be offered.

The computers will be available for students to use during and between classes. The microcomputers will not be interfaced with the VAX system now used.

The lab, which cost approximately \$70,000, was funded specifically by

Computer Services and also from the equipment fund available to the University.

Farquhar pointed out that \$1.85 per credit hour paid by the students goes to the equipment fund. The lab has already been paid for and student tuition will not be affected.

Chemical labs like Northwest's have been in existence for the past four or five years. According to Farquhar, Northwest may be the only school or one of the few schools of its size to open a chemical lab of this kind.

According to senior chemistry major Mark Leehan, the new lab should benefit students at Northwest.

"The computers will show how chemicals react, and it will be easier to understand if you can see it instead of being told," he said.

In addition, he said Northwest is catching up to more advanced universities.

"In a lot of bigger colleges that's what's going on right now," he said. "They are all more technologically advanced."

The lab will be well underway when the Missouri Academy of Science comes to Northwest

in 1995. Northwest will be the host of the annual meeting. Students will present their undergraduate research papers in various science fields.



Hypnotist Jim Wand attempts to get a response out of one of his subjects during the running of the Kentucky Derby. Wand hypnotized about 30 people Thursday, Jan. 21, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Wand performed two shows in one night for the first time at Northwest.

SCOTT JENSON/Northwest Missourian

Wand performs two shows for first time

By JENNIFER STEWART
Missourian Staff

For the first time ever hypnotist Jim Wand appeared in two shows at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center on Jan. 23, due to his growing popularity.

Over 750 tickets were sold for the 7 p.m. show and over 550 for the 9 p.m. show. Wand last performed at Northwest during Freshman Orientation in August.

Dave Gieseke, director of News and Information, believes that much of

the increasing popularity was due to word-of-mouth advertising and returning audience members. People enjoy his talent.

Wand started performing for Northwest six years ago at \$1 a person, and 700 tickets were sold.

During the preceding three years, tickets were sold for \$3, \$4 and \$5, and attendance increased to 1,300 people.

"People come to the shows expecting to see basically the same routine, but the people hypnotized make it totally different," Gieseke said. "Most

people are doubting, skeptical and believe it is all a setup, but being with him from the time he got off the plane to basically when he performed, there was no way he could have known the people he hypnotized."

Wand can be expected to be at Northwest two more times a year, each year.

One thing that concerns Gieseke is possible overkill. Many students who have seen Wand's performances disagree and would like to see his show more often.

Andrea Jackson, freshman, attended the performance in August as well as the most recent performance.

"I knew what was going on, so I watched people more closely," Jackson said. "I don't care how many times he comes back, I'll watch him every time because he's so funny."

Jennifer Deardorff, freshman, had also seen Wand perform before.

"I really thought it would be planned or the kids were just faking it, but you can tell by their actions," Deardorff said.

Equipment to be purchased by University

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supplement the existing laboratory," Edward Farquhar, chairman of the chemistry department who contributed to the design of the lab, said. "It will also be used for computer-aided instruction in general chemistry. The advanced courses will use it for instrument simulation, molecular structure and spectroscopic studies."

The laboratory should be ready for use about this time next year. According to Hubbard, the University needs to have up-to-date equipment to support the University's educational goals.

Also this year, the University spent close to \$1 million on two new mainframe computers for the Electronic Campus. The mainframes were installed earlier this year and are already operating.

"The purpose, as far as the Electronic Campus is concerned, is to provide our students with experience on or access to the latest equipment that is available," Hubbard said. "We also want to provide enough capacity to meet the needs of all of our faculty and students so that when you get on the system there are no inordinate delays."

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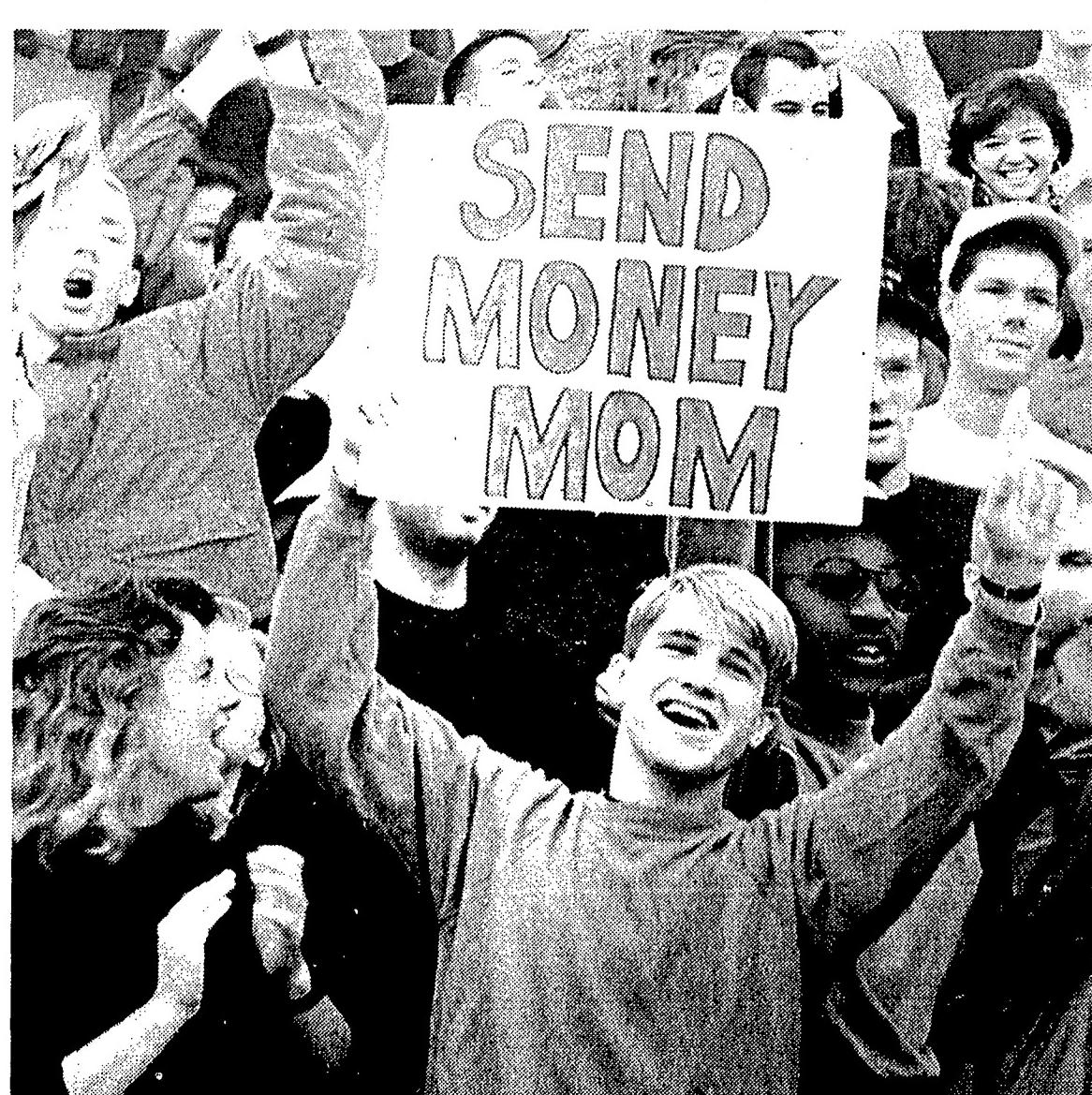
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Controversy heightens over women's mascot

Senators agree upon implications of name; groups petition for funds.

By JENNIFER STEWART
Missourian Staff

A gender issue was discussed Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the weekly Student Senate meeting.

Students, administrators and faculty members brought up the issue the name Bearkittens for women's athletic teams was sexist. The issue has been discussed for about 10-15 years and is being looked into by coaches, players and University administration. A decision on changing the name might be in the works depending on the results of the student's, especially the player's, wishes.

The Board of Regents will be presented with the request to change the title to Bearcats, just as the male athletes. While some Senate members believed Lady Bearcats would be a better defining title, others thought it was still degrading. One member questioned that if women can be titled with Lady, would men be willing to be titled Gentlemen Bearcats?

Roger Corley, professor of history and humanities, said he thinks the term "Bearkitten" is somewhat degrading and understands why some of the athletes are offended by the nickname.

"A kitten is not a female cat; it's an immature cat," Corley said.

The issue will be brought up at the next Student Senate meeting in written form.

In other business, various organizations requested funds

at the meeting for a number of projects and conferences they are attending.

Alpha Phi Alpha requested \$400 for the fraternity's six members to attend the 16th annual Big Eight conference for leadership skills in minorities at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kan. Costs for those attending will include a \$65 conference registration fee, transportation and meals. The \$400 will be voted on at the next Student Senate meeting.

The ROTC Color Guard requested \$200 to attend Mardi Gras in New Orleans, March 17-21. The Guard has the opportunity to represent Northwest in the Mardi Gras parade. One-hundred twenty dollars will be used for hotel rooms and \$80 for meals.

The Inter-Fraternity Council requested \$500 last week to attend a conference in Columbus, Ohio. It was moved to change the amount to \$200, but did not pass. Another motion was made to give the council \$350. The new request was voted on and passed.

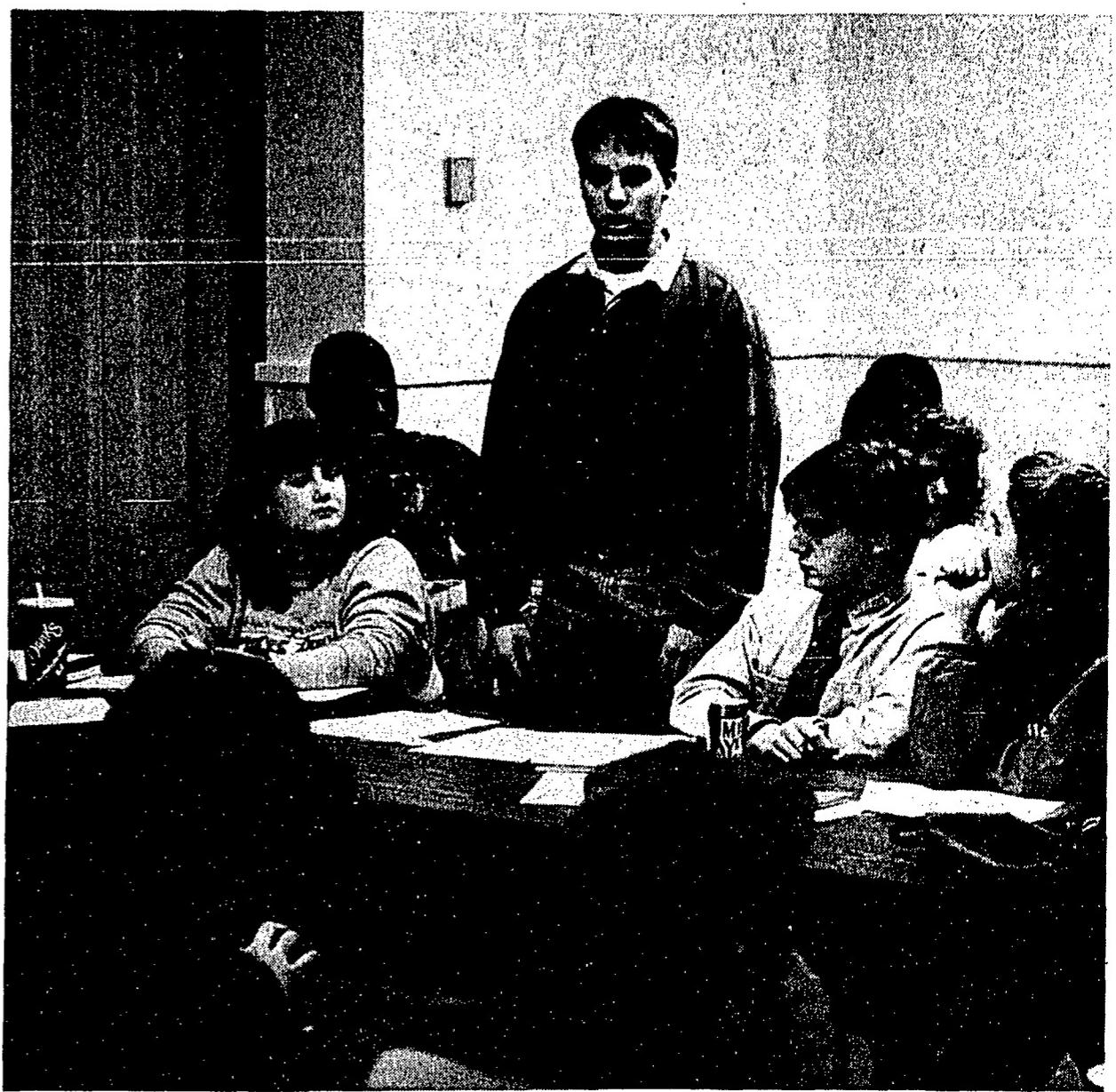
An interest was voiced for a possible December graduation next year. Senate recently looked into the matter and sent out questionnaires to 2,300 juniors and seniors. Of the 2,300 petitioned, 173 people answered, only 7 percent. Of the 173 students,

87 percent were in favor of having a December graduation and 13 percent opposed it. The matter is being looked into further and reports are to continue to be made to the Senators.

Student Senate will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2, in the J. W. Jones Student Union.

"A kitten is not a female cat, it's an immature cat."

Roger Corley
professor of history
and humanities



JACK VAUGHT/Northwest Missourian
Student Senate member Kevin Splehs campaigns to become freshman class president at the Student Senate meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 26. Splehs was voted into the position to serve for the remainder of the spring semester.

New administrative office aids exchange program

By HEIDI SCHLEGEMILCH
Missourian Staff

The Office of International Cooperation will be added to the Administration Building this summer.

The office will be located on the second floor, where it will serve two purposes. First, it will act as a student-and-faculty exchange program.

It will give students an opportunity to study as well as intern in foreign countries. Second, it will also work with assisting Eastern European countries with economic developments.

The office will help previously Communist countries including Hungary, Poland, Romania, Czechoslovakia and Estonia establish local governments.

Community business leaders will travel abroad along with student interns through scheduled trips set up by the office to assist the countries by providing them with information and experience to help them make better decisions.

The idea was developed two years ago when University President Dean Hubbard and other faculty members traveled overseas and created relationships with some European universities and governments.

A proposal to establish the office was made with the help of advisory committee members McLaughlin, Ri-

chard Frucht and Bob Bush.

"We needed an office that can assist faculty and students as far as acting abroad," Bush said.

This Office of the Union of Municipalities of Upper Silesia and Northern Moravia is the only branch located in the United States. The funding for the office comes from a grant proposed by Hubbard, Frucht and Bush.

Donations from local interest groups and businesses also add to the funding for the office.

An 11-member advisory committee will take charge of the office. The office will also receive assistance from the Northwest government department. Ken Miller, advisory committee mem-

ber, supports this addition to the University.

"It's fun to try and help them (the countries) out," Miller said. "There's so many problems over there."

McLaughlin said he is also looking forward to the project's bright future.

"We're involved in a program that's doing them (the countries) a lot of good," McLaughlin said. "In turn, they will be able to do some good for us."

McLaughlin said once the countries establish trade and market relations they will be able to initiate trade with us, and both sides will benefit.

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Federal grant funds technology directory

Directory will promote reduction of costs with assistive equipment.

By DERRICK BARKER
Assistant Editor

Finding ways to keep unused assistive technology in operation has been hard for many public institutions.

But that problem may be solved thanks in part to a federal grant of \$15,505 given to the University of Missouri-Kansas City that has been subcontracted with Northwest Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction Gerald Wright.

According to Wright, the grant will be utilized to create a directory of assistive technology (wheelchairs, stairlifts, etc.) owned by a particular public-funded institution.

The directory could save schools and state agencies thousands of state-funded dollars by creating a network to make use of state-owned equipment that would otherwise not be in operation.

"Schools are often faced with purchasing expensive equipment for a single student," Wright said.

"That student may leave and (that school) has no other use for it. I thought that maybe schools could sell, lease or lend equipment to other schools who need it," he said.

Wright stated an example of a purchase of \$5,000 worth of technology equipment at Northwest for one student that will most likely not be used when that student leaves the University. According to Wright, building the directory will involve determining how much assistive technology currently exists, whether the equipment is in use or in storage and whether the schools or agencies are willing to offer it to other institutions at what price will they offer the equipment.

According to Wright, institutions would benefit greatly if such a directory were created – especially smaller schools and state-funded agencies who do not have the funds to purchase the necessary technology.

"If there's a small school district that doesn't have the funds for such a purchase, then perhaps (the directory) will give them an opportunity to rent or buy another state-owned piece of equipment," Wright said.

The fact that the equipment is state-owned has become a barrier for selling or leasing assistive technology, according to Wright.

"There have been questions about whether or not schools can sell or buy equipment because the state itself owns them," Wright said.

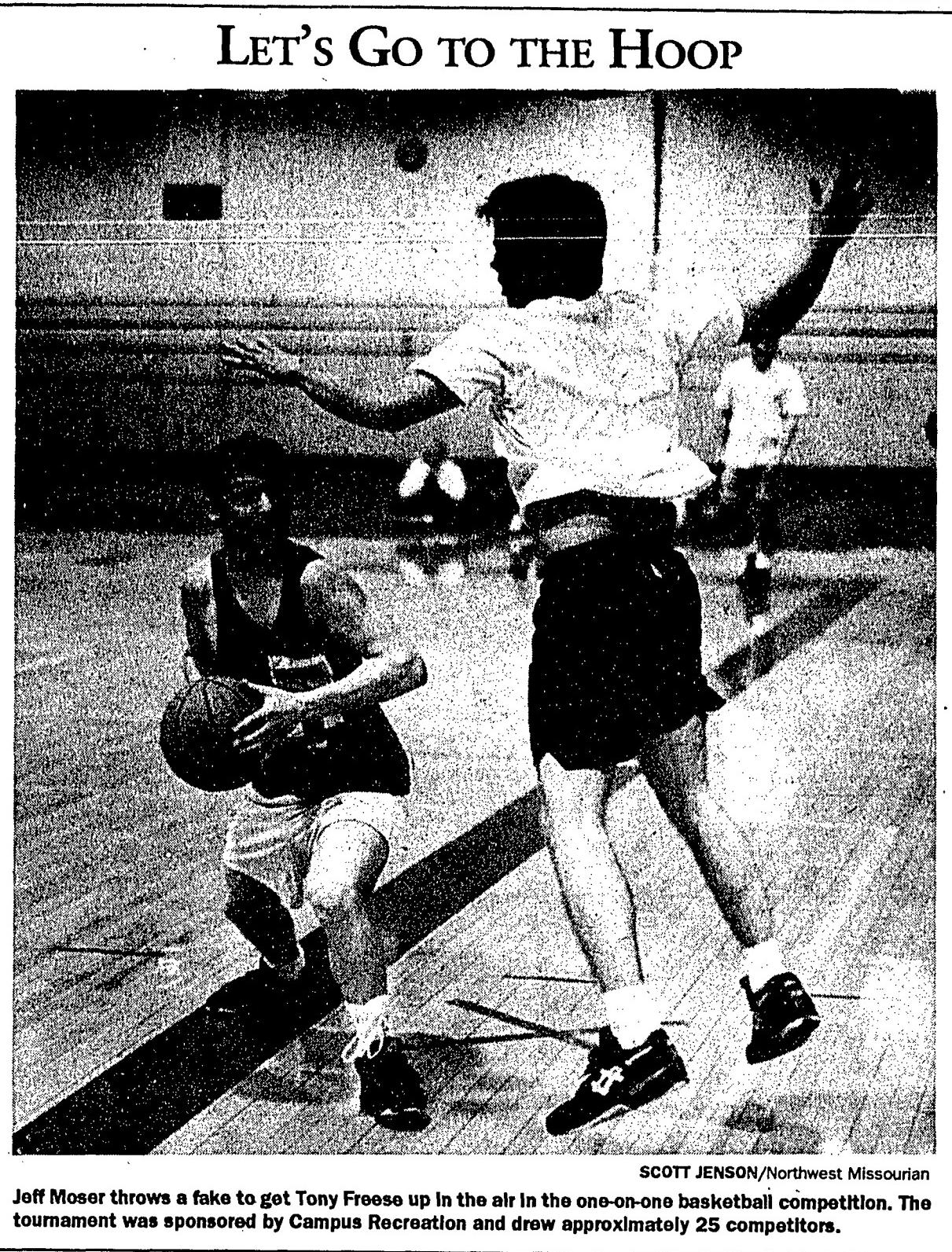
"Hopefully, state legislation will permit sale of equipment when it is no longer needed by a certain school."

Gerald Wright
assistant professor
of Curriculum and
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school," he said.

To better understand assistive technology, Wright has helped organize an assistive technology conference to be held Friday, Feb. 12.

The conference will host experts that will demonstrate the use of assistive equipment in order for students and faculty to attain a greater awareness of the technology, its uses by students and faculty and how to effectively construct some assistive devices.



Jeff Moser throws a fake to get Tony Freese up in the air in the one-on-one basketball competition. The tournament was sponsored by Campus Recreation and drew approximately 25 competitors.

SCOTT JENSON/Northwest Missourian

Attendance policies to be enforced by faculty

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thing, but it is very difficult to implement," Jim Wyant, director of Student Financial Assistance, said. "The only problem is trying to get all of the faculty aware that they need to be taking attendance in their classes."

Some students also think this is a positive policy.

"I think the class attendance policy is a good idea," Laura Stageman, freshman, said. "The federal government only gives so much money to students. It should go to those who are really trying to succeed in college."

This is the second year Faculty Senate has implemented the attendance

policy which was also supported by the Advanced Standing Committee.

The current policy states that all instructors must report students to the Financial Aid Office if they miss two, or more, weeks of classes.

"Most schools that have been audited have failed," Wyant said. "Therefore, the Financial Aid Office is trying to keep on top of this policy."

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Officers elected

By SCOTT PUMMELL
Missourian Staff

Panhellenic Council has elected officers for 1993, and the new president Lauree Crozier has set definite goals for the coming year.

"I think Lauree is going to do a great job," Sherry Driver, former Panhellenic Council president, said. "She has a lot of experience. She has worked closely with our adviser, Denise Ottinger, and she seems to be a very strong leader. I think she has a lot of really good, imaginative ideas."



Panhellenic Council is the governing body of the nationally sponsored sororities on campus.

The council sets all standards for Rush and runs Rush activities every year. This year, Crozier would like to bring a new sorority to campus.

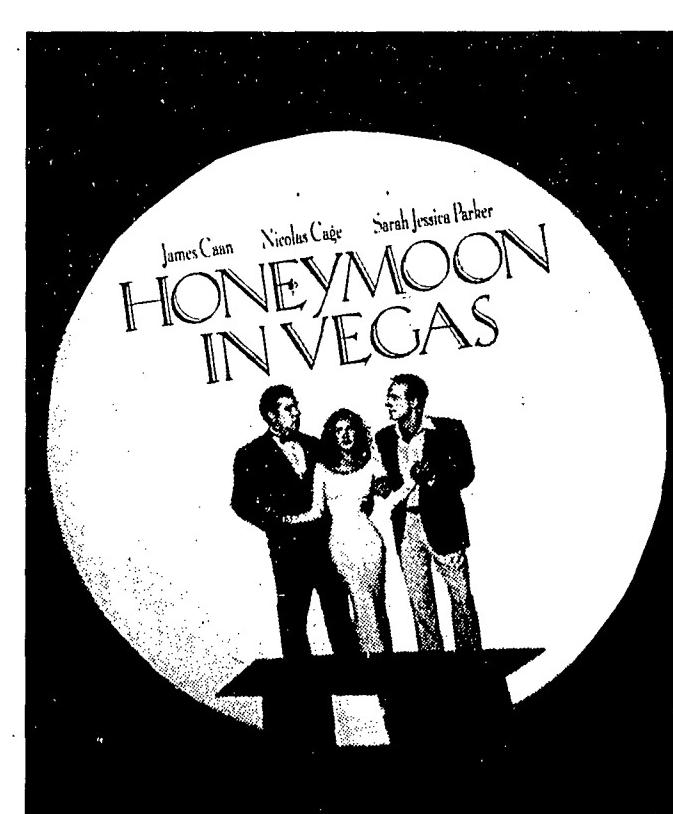
"It is one of the goals we would like to set," Crozier said. "There hasn't been a new sorority that has actually lasted on campus since 1962. We feel like it is time for a new one, and with the renovation of Roberta it should be easier."

Another activity the council plans to continue is Jam Fest, a lip-synching contest that has become a tradition in recent years.

"One of our biggest accomplishments last year was starting the Jam Fest. I hope it is continued over the next few years. It was a lot of fun," Driver said.

Operating on an annual rotation basis, the council elects officers from different sororities every year, giving each chapter an opportunity at leadership. With this system, each sorority receives two representatives in the general council. The higher offices rotate between the sororities, with each sorority selecting a person to fill the office that is open to them.

The other new officers are Julie Belik, vice president; Kelly Burger, secretary; and Jodi Bergren, treasurer.



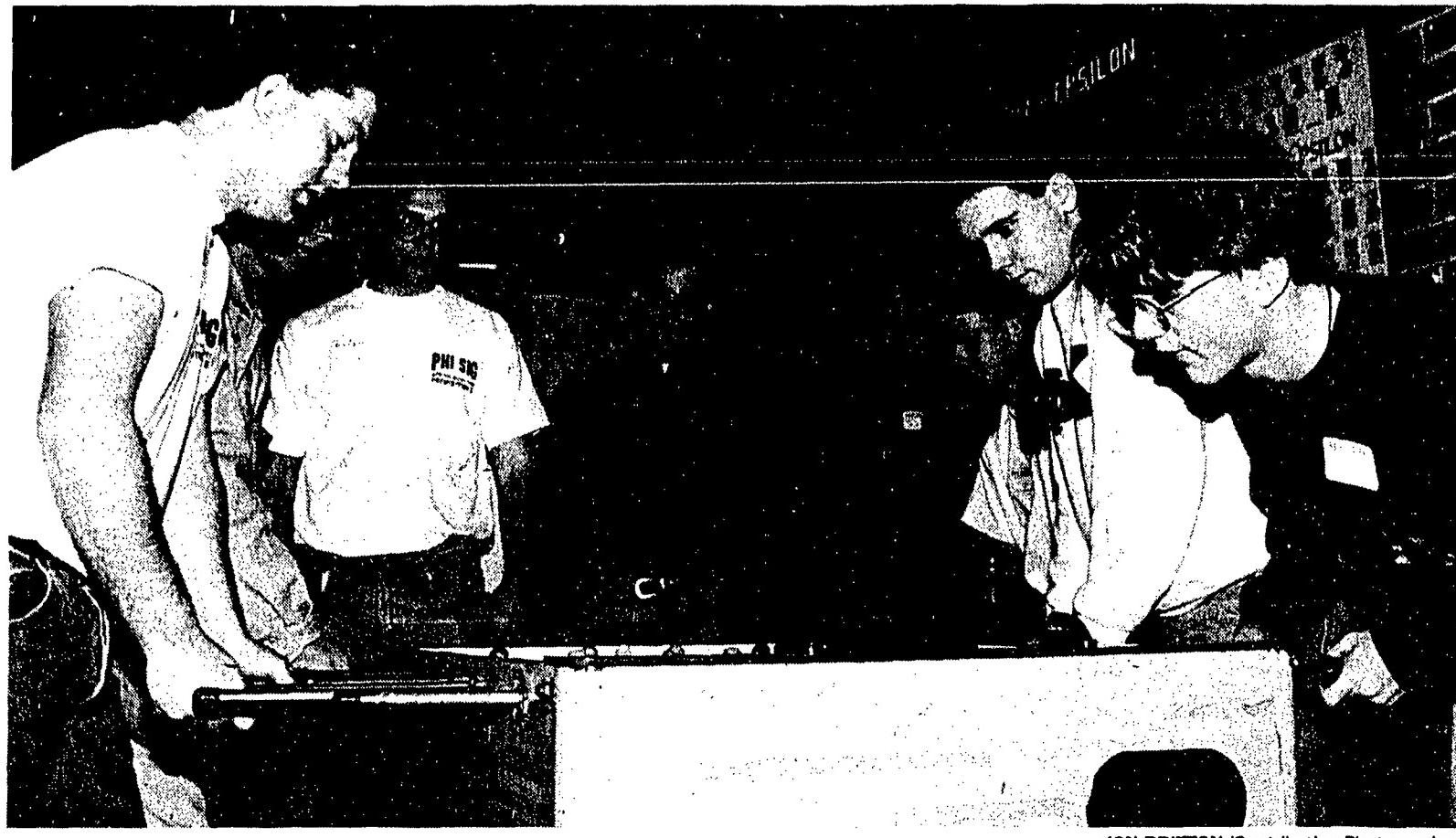
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SOCIAL TIME



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Members of Phi Sigma Kappa play foosball while waiting for pizza to arrive at their open house. The Phi Sig's pizza party was one of many planned events, which encouraged students to participate in Rush.

Auditions planned for upcoming show

Science fiction film
"Subreality" scheduled for future production.

By HAWKEYE WILSON
Missourian Staff

Students who would like to act in a movie production will soon have a chance at Northwest. Matt Rouch, producer and director of the upcoming production "Subreality" will hold auditions Feb. 2-5.

The movie is the mass communications instructor's first attempt to produce and direct on Northwest's campus.

"I've always done these kind of projects with student crews," Rouch said. "And Northwest possesses the talent to do such a movie."

According to Rouch, the "Twilight Zone" style, science fiction film will take place in the future and should appeal to people in the 18- to 35-year-old age group.

"Subreality" is about four college students who stumble across a buried box on a farm.

They dig it up and find an alien machine that alters the students' consciences as they become addicted to it.

The students get so involved with the machine that they begin to harm themselves and each other.

Students will be able to see the movie on Channel 8. The premiere of "Subreality" will be held in the Wells Hall auditorium.

"If everything goes according to plan I hope to premiere the movie before summer vacation," he said.



JACK VAUGHT/Northwest Missourian

Mass Communication Instructor Matt Rouch will be casting for his upcoming production "Subreality" on Feb. 2-5. Rouch plans to have his movie produced and ready to show on campus before summer.

ACT SCORE COMPARISONS*

GENDER	
Male	20.9
Female	20.5
RACE/ETHNICITY	
Asian American	21.6
White	21.3
Puerto Rican/Hispanic	19.3
Mexican American	18.4
Native American	18.1
African American	17.0

*average scores on a 1-36 scale.
Source: ACT

Possible admission requirements questioned

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females earn higher grades in both high school and college.

The article in the FairTest Examiner added African Americans who have studied a core curriculum score lower than Caucasians who have not.

In a case in Mississippi, the U.S. Supreme Court specifically cited university ACT standards as a key factor in denying African-American residents access to the state's major universities.

Studies conducted at the University of Vermont on students from rural areas have proved that they score more than 100 points lower than their peers from urban communities, yet they get equally good grades in college. The study attributes this on rural students being less sophisticated on

preparing for the tests than urban students.

These are just a few of the biases Hubbard sees and is uneasy about. He served on the governor's task force, and the group recommended "the whole notion be pitched."

"I'm all for higher standards, but I also have very strong feelings about equity and fairness and where this society is going," Hubbard said. "I just find it very, very frustrating to see us go backwards."

The new policy will result to a shift of resources.

"Because they say if you're selective or highly selective then your faculty will only teach nine hours ... the people who are taking the students who don't need the help have the reduced work loads," Hubbard said. "That's elitism, pure and simple. If they are going to reduce the workloads on all those campuses by 25 percent, that's what it amounts to

from a 12-hour load to a nine-hour load. We're talking massive shifting of dollars."

For Northwest this means money might get tighter.

"If you're going to have to give those institutions millions of dollars in order to not only hire people but provide offices for them and equipment for them and all the other support services - where is that money going to come from? It's going to come out of the part which is going to shrink the amount that we get."

Workloads stay the same with a moderately selective school, which is what Northwest is leaning toward.

"The problem with this conceptually is that ... the focus is on who we exclude rather than who we educate or how we educate," Hubbard said. "If you want to improve quality you focus on how we educate not who we exclude."

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Last Week's Games
Jan. 27 Washburn 111, Northwest 71
Jan. 23 Central Mo. 81, Northwest 64

Upcoming Games

Jan. 30 Northwest vs. Emporia State
Feb. 3 at Northeast Missouri
Feb. 6 at Missouri Southern
Feb. 10 Northwest vs. Missouri Western
Feb. 13 at Central Missouri
Feb. 15 Northwest vs. Wayne State
Feb. 17 at Emporia State
Feb. 20 Northwest vs. Univ. of Missouri-Rolla
Feb. 24 at Univ. of Missouri-St. Louis
Feb. 27 Northwest vs. Lincoln

Basketball Records (Conference/Overall)

Washburn	5-0	15-0
Univ. Mo.-Rolla	5-1	11-5
Missouri Western	4-2	12-3
Univ. Mo.-St. Louis	4-2	9-6
Missouri Southern	3-2	10-5
Central Missouri	3-3	10-6
Southwest Baptist	2-3	12-3
Lincoln	2-4	10-5
Pittsburg State	2-4	10-5
Northeast	2-4	5-10
Emporia State	1-4	10-5
Northwest	1-5	8-7

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Last Week's Games
Jan. 27 Washburn 72, Northwest 47
Jan. 23 Northwest 60, Central Mo. 53

Upcoming Games

Jan. 30 Northwest vs. Emporia State
Feb. 3 at Northeast Missouri
Feb. 6 at Missouri Southern
Feb. 10 Northwest vs. Missouri Southern
Feb. 13 at Central Missouri
Feb. 17 at Emporia State
Feb. 20 Northwest vs. Univ. Mo.-Rolla
Feb. 21 Northwest vs. Augustana
Feb. 24 at Univ. Mo.-St. Louis
Feb. 27 Northwest vs. Emporia State

Basketball Records (Conference/Overall)

Washburn	6-0	16-0
Missouri Southern	6-0	16-0
Missouri Western	5-1	11-5
Pittsburg State	3-3	11-4
Northwest	3-3	9-6
Univ. Mo.-Rolla	3-3	9-7
Southwest Baptist	3-3	9-7
Emporia State	3-3	7-8
Central Missouri	2-4	9-6
Univ. Mo.-St. Louis	2-4	7-7
Lincoln	0-6	2-12
Northeast	0-6	1-15

INDOOR TRACK**Upcoming Invitational**

Jan. 29 CMSU Mules Relays at Warrensburg, Mo.
Feb. 6 Jayhawk Invitational at Lawrence, Kan.
Feb. 12 CMSU Classic at Warrensburg, Mo.
Feb. 20 Mo. Intercollegiates at Warrensburg, Mo.
Feb. 28 MIAA Championships at Warrensburg, Mo.
March 6 ISU National Qualifiers Meet at Ames, Iowa
March 12-13 NCAA Div. II Championships at Vermillion, S.D.
March 12-13 Doane Indoor Multi-Event

NOTEWORTHY

Kentucky basketball coach Eddie Sutton was so upset after a one-point loss to Auburn in 1988 that he gave his players a pop quiz. The results were foul. Fewer than half the Wildcats could name the Auburn player who scored the winning basket (John Caylor), the final score (63-52), or Kentucky's next three opponents.

Mules embarrass Bearcats 81-64

Northwest falls victim to CMSU 23-4 run; lack of perimeter shooting leaves team, coaches grasping for answers.

By SCOTT ENGLERT
Missourian Staff

When Central Missouri State ventured into Lamkin Gym Saturday, Jan. 23, the Bearcats were fixing to end a recent skid that has seen them lose five of their last six ballgames.

But the Mules had other ideas as they went on a 23-4 run midway through the second half that devoured the Bearcats and dropped their record to 8-7 overall and 1-5 in the MIAA.

This skid has most of the Bearcat players shaking their heads as to what is going on.

"I really don't know what is going on," senior Orlando Johnson said. "I think that some of the guys really need to start picking up their game, myself included."

Poor shooting plagued the 'Cats throughout most of the game as they made only five shots from outside the lane.

All of those shots that were made happened in the second half, except for one turn-around jumper by junior forward Darrell Wrenn.

The Mules jumped out early building leads of 10 and 12 points. But the Bearcats stayed close and closed the gap to only four points by halftime, 36-32.

"Coming into the game we had no specific game plan," Johnson said. "We just wanted to try and make them play our style of basketball."

A quick start by the Mules in the second half upped their lead to nine points. After a Northwest time-out the 'Cats tied the score at 47-47. Then an avalanche of points hit the 'Cats, and



Attempting to keep the Central Missouri State Mules cornered, junior center Chad Deahl, and junior forward Darrell Wrenn use some tough defense Saturday, Jan. 23, at Lamkin Gym.

DON CARRICK/Northwest Missourian

unfortunately, most of them were being registered on the visitor's side of the scoreboard.

The Bearcats again found themselves playing catch-up ball. This trait is becoming a common thing in many of their ballgames said head coach Steve Tappmeyer.

"It is really something that you

search to find a reason for why it is happening," Tappmeyer said. "There is a little bit of a pattern that is starting to happen to this team that we get down in a ballgame and then we catch up when we have a tendency to relax. And as soon as we relax the other team builds their lead back up. Hopefully we are learning from this."

The Bearcats lost the game 81-64.

The Emporia State University Hornets will be up next for the Bearcats on Saturday, Jan. 30, at Lamkin Gym.

The Hornets lost four players off last year's squad, but a good recruiting year in the junior college ranks leaves the Hornets as one of the better teams in the MIAA.

Back from last year's team is junior guard James McCallop who averaged 17 points a game last season.

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, the Bearcats will travel to Kirksville, Mo., to take on Northeast Missouri State University. The Bulldogs will be wanting to avenge an earlier season 80-75 loss in Maryville.

Change of nickname gains support

By BRAD JENKINS
Missourian Staff

What's in a name? Sometimes it can be enough to make many people want the name changed, even if it means erasing a bit of history in the process. A case in point would be Bearkittens, the athletic nickname given to Northwest varsity women's teams. This is a word that is regarded as being inadequate by many in the community of Maryville as well as by those on campus, including both professors and students.

Public Relations Officer Bob Henry said he had heard comments from people in the last few years which indicated they were unsatisfied with the nickname, but they were few and far between.

In the last couple of months, however, not only has the number of people voicing their dissatisfaction grown, the comments have intensified as well.

"For the past couple of years, there has been a murmur, but I did not really feel it was very strong until midway in the fall when it became more common to hear this in one way or another," Henry said.

According to Henry, at the heart of the controversy is the matter of equality of the sexes and a distaste for a name that is not fitting for varsity level teams.

"The growing interest in this is created by what we call gender equity," Henry said. "There is concern certainly in the NCAA that women's and men's athletics be treated equitably. There are some who make the argument that the term 'Bearkittens' is not equal to Bearcats because the 'Bearkitten' is regarded as a young and fairly immature animal while Bearcat sounds more mature, and these people are arguing that this implies the women are less than the men."

Softball head coach Gayla Eckhoff, whose team may be

the least affected by the name, since her program is usually referred to as "Northwest softball," is in favor of change.

"I think it is great, and they should go for it," Eckhoff said. "We generally say 'Northwest softball' and do not have much of a problem with the nickname because softball is a women's sport and you do not have much difficulty in determining what is male and female with regards to it."

Eckhoff said her players felt the same way on the matter.

"We polled the players," Eckhoff said, "and they voted unanimously that being called 'Lady Bearcats' rather than Bearkittens would suit them just fine."

Junior forward Shelly Jermain can understand where those who are pushing for the name change are coming from, but she is indifferent as to what athletic nickname is given to her team.

"I can understand their point because I am sure there are people that see it that way, but I do not feel that way about it," Jermain said. "I do not mind being called a Bearkitten."

Henry is waiting to receive some feedback on the matter from the coaches and their players before attempting what needs to be done next.

"After I get some feedback," Henry said, "the next step would be to take the matter up with the president's cabinet and Student Senate, and then based upon the reactions from those two groups, I may wish to take it to the Board of Regents."

If permission is given to change the nickname, that change could take place very soon.

"If it seems appropriate that we change the name and call them the Lady Bearcats, then in terms of a calendar, we would try to do that in relation to the start of the '93-'94 academic year," Henry said.

In the meantime, support for changing the nickname continues to build, and the Bearkittens find themselves embroiled in the midst of a lion-sized controversy.

Bearcats victim of theft

By SCOTT ENGLERT
Missourian Staff

When the Bearcats took on the Missouri Western Griffons Wednesday, Jan. 21, they lost more than a basketball game — they lost everything.

Thieves entered the Bearcats' locker room prior to halftime and took most of the team's valuables including jewelry, coats, shoes and other personal items.

"The thieves reportedly entered through the Griffons' football locker room," Missouri Western Athletic Director Ed Harris said. "They then jimmied the lock into the Northwest locker room."

As of Tuesday, Jan.

26, there were no leads in the case.

Harris also said that a report was immediately filed by the security officer on duty.

A list of belongings was sent to Missouri Western's insurance company, and they should know something in a matter of days. Harris fully expects that all belongings will be

reimbursed to the team.

Missouri Western and their athletic department are taking every precaution to make sure they do not violate any NCAA rules.

"It reflects badly on their university," senior guard Orlando Johnson said. "It's a shame that we can't go into someone else's gym and not get ripped off."

The coaches and players found out about the burglary at halftime when they went into the locker room.

The 'Cats barely held a lead of four points at the half.

"We were amazed and stunned," junior guard Paul Brown said. "I think it affected some of the guys in the second half."

The 'Cats lost the game 66-60. It has been estimated that the team lost approximately \$1,500 worth of goods.

"I can't believe that they took everything," Johnson said. "They even took my socks."

Orlando Johnson
basketball player

BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Team & Game Information	Quick Facts	Players to Watch
Emporia State Lady Hornets (7-8) vs. Bearkittens (9-6) Saturday, Jan. 30, 6 p.m. Lamkin Gym	The Bearkittens lead the overall series 4-1. The 'Kittens are 3-0 vs. the Lady Hornets in Maryville. Each team won at their respective homes: Northwest 52-42 and ESU 68-63. This is the first year that ESU is eligible for MIAA postseason tournament.	Lady Hornets: Guard Steph Quayle is the team's leading scorer and rebounder, with 15 points and seven rebounds a game. Bearkittens: Senior forward Jamie Long is this week's MIAA women's player of the week. She is averaging 16 points and eight rebounds a game. She is also first in the MIAA in free-throws with 88.4 percent.
Emporia State Hornets (10-5) vs. Bearcats (8-7) Saturday, Jan. 30, 8 p.m. Lamkin Gym	The Bearcats lead the overall series 10-8 with each team winning at their respective homes last year. 'Cats 90-71 at Maryville, Hornets 85-84 at ESU. This is the first year the Hornets are eligible for MIAA postseason play.	Hornets: Junior forward Ron Frierson is averaging 16 points per game, as he shoots 54 percent from the field and 56 percent from three-point range. Bearcats: Junior forward Chad Deahl is averaging nine rebounds in his last four games. As of last week senior Orlando Johnson is second in the conference in scoring, and junior Paul Brown is first in the conference in steals per game.
Missouri Tigers (12-4) vs. Nebraska Cornhuskers (13-6) Thursday, Jan. 20, 8:30 p.m. Lincoln, Neb.	Missouri leads the overall series 100-74. The Tigers have won four in a row over the Cornhuskers and 10 of the last 12. The Tigers are in sole possession of second place in the Big Eight and the Cornhuskers are tied for sixth place.	Tigers: Junior walk-on guard Jed Frost has worked his way into the Tiger starting lineup with his hustle and passing. Center Chris Heller scored 15 points for the third game in a row on Sunday and grabbed a season high 16 rebounds. Cornhuskers: Junior guard Eric Platkowski is fifth in the Big Eight in scoring with 16 points a game, while senior center Derrick Chandler is sixth in the league in rebounding and fourth in blocked shots.
Iowa Hawkeyes (12-3) vs. Michigan State Spartans (12-4) Thursday, Jan. 28 Lansing, Mich.	Iowa has had 12 NCAA tournament appearances in the last 14 seasons. This will be the Hawkeye's first game since the death of forward Chris Street. MSU lead for all but 18 seconds, those proved to be all that mattered as they were upset at home by Wisconsin.	Hawkeyes: Center Acie Earl is in reach of the NCAA shot-blocking record. He only needs 125, two more than he had last season. Spartans: Center Mike Peplowski continues to lead the team in scoring. He tallied 21 points against Wisconsin.
North Carolina Tar Heels (16-1) vs. Duke Blue Devils (13-3) Saturday, Jan. 30 Durham, NC.	The Tar Heels could use more quickness, but should, as usual, win 20 games and challenge for the ACC title. Duke is struggling at times; it shows with their three losses of the season.	Tar Heels: Center Eric Montross has asserted himself as one of college basketball's top centers and point guard Derrick Phelps continues to get better game after game. Forwards George Lynch and Brian Reese are second to none. Blue Devils: Guard Bobby Hurley is simply the best in the nation at his position. Hurley and forward Grant Hill should challenge each other for ACC player of the year honors.

'Kittens back on track

Northwest controls most of game; from opening tip-off, team, Long find focus to maintain momentum.

By KRISTI UNDERWOOD
Missourian Staff

The Bearkitten basketball team is back on track with a 60-53 win over Central Missouri State University, Saturday, Jan. 23, at Lamkin Gym.

Northwest set the tone of the game by controlling the tip and remaining ahead of CMSU for most of the first half. The 'Kittens only fell behind the Jennies once and senior Jamie Long soon recovered the lead with a jump shot from the left side. Northwest ended the first half up by six points, 23-17.

"As a team we worked really well together that night," Long said.

The 'Kittens continued in the second half with the same intensity, falling behind only once by four points. With two minutes 20 seconds left, the game was tied.

"Our defense was what helped us win our game," Long said.

Senior Stacy Rockhold cashed in with a three pointer and Northwest rallied to a 60-53 win.

"The key to coming back was that we kept our composure," Bearkitten head coach Wayne Winstead said. "We didn't panic and we moved the ball. We didn't try to make up the difference by taking rushed shots. We also went up to the line for some free throws with a lot of confidence."

Long led the game with 26 points and a career high of 17 rebounds. Long has lead the 'Kittens in four of the last five games and eight of 15 for the season. She has also averaged 24.5 points and 9.5 rebounds in the last four games. Long is ranked eighth in NCAA-II and first in the MIAA for free throw percentage, hitting 61 out of 69 for 88.4 percent.

Even with all of the awards and achievements Long has contributed to the Bearkittens, she still believes there is still more she can do for the team.

"I don't think anyone plays up to their potential because there is always room for improvement," Long said. "Individual awards are great, but I'm not satisfied unless we walk off the court with a win. Basketball is such a team sport. You

don't go out to try to make awards for yourself. You learn by working with other people. It's a lot like life, because you're working with other people - trying to work with their strengths in a group situation."

Following Long was senior Sara Hemminger with 11 points and five rebounds and Rockhold with eight points and four rebounds.

Junior Shelly Jermain and freshman Amy Krohn each contributed seven points.

Krohn is the first freshman to hold a regular starting spot at Northwest since Lisa Kenkel four years ago.

Jermain has become a quiet force averaging 7.6 rebounds and 4.4 assists in the last five games.

"We feel very good about the win over CMSU," Winstead said.

"They are our No. 1 rival in the conference. The win was basically another confidence builder. It told our players that we are capable of playing against everyone in our league, because person for person CMSU has one of the better teams."

During the last several games, Northwest has come from behind to win on several occasions. Winstead believes that this is at least partly possible because of communication.

"We do talk about it," Winstead said. "During the huddle we talk about working the ball, taking good shots and doing the things we do well. We try to slow the ball down and not take forced shots."

Northwest will play Emporia State University, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, in Lamkin Gym.

"Right now Emporia State is an unmeasured situation," Winstead said. "They are a young team and they have some new people. They play good basketball, but they have been beaten a couple of times when it has not been expected."

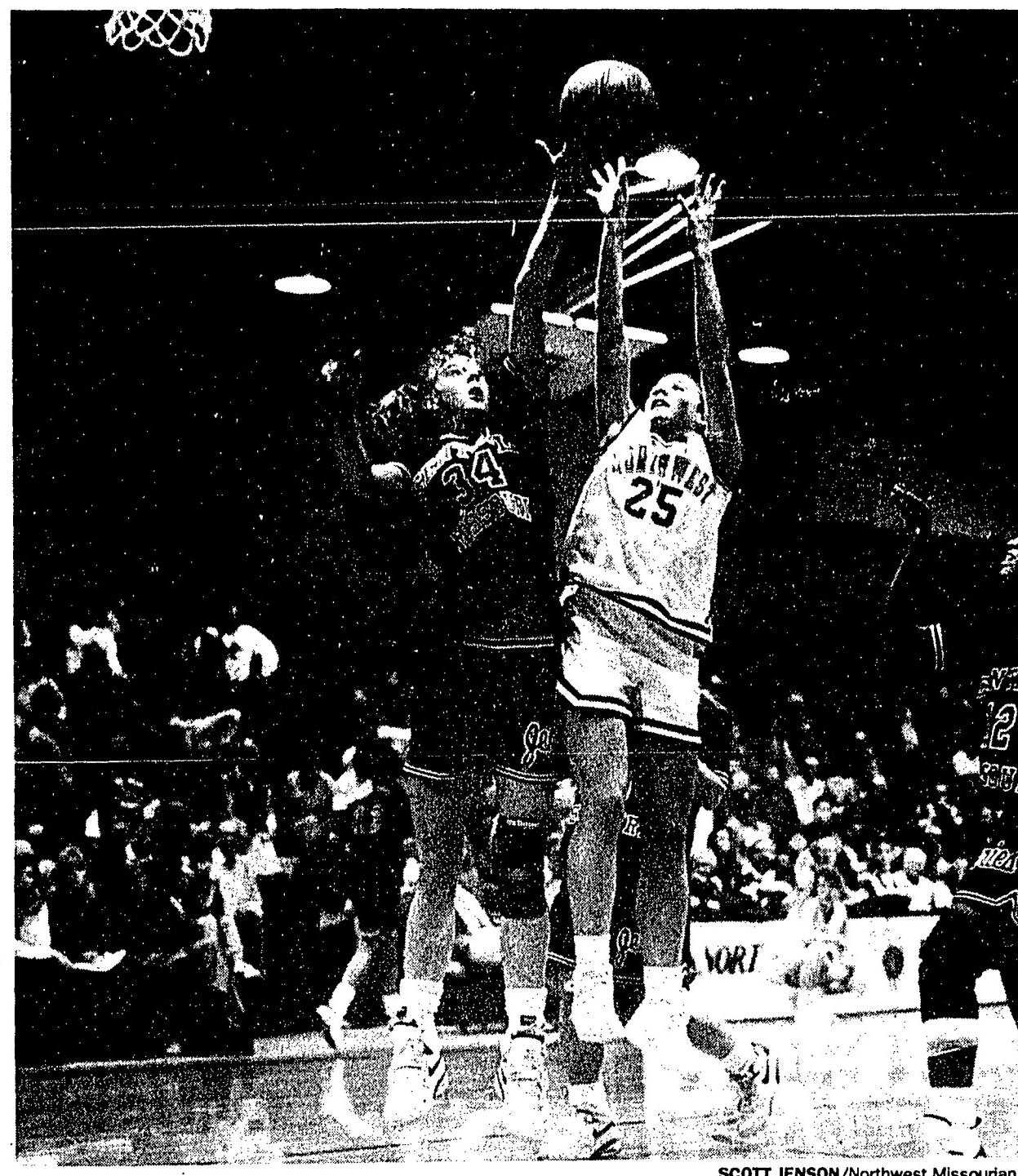
The 'Kittens will play a make-up game against Augustana at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1, in Lamkin Gym. The 'Kittens will also face Northeast Missouri State University, Wednesday, Feb. 6, in Kirksville, Mo. Northeast is 1-15 for the season.

Northeast is a tough ball club," Winstead said. "They are real young, very disciplined and a threat even though their record does not show it."

Northwest is now 9-6 overall and 3-3 for the MIAA.

"We feel very good about the win over CMSU. They are our No. 1 rival in the conference."

Wayne Winstead
Basketball coach



SCOTT JENSON/Northwest Missourian

Northwest guard Shelly Jermain has her shot blocked by Kamala Sherman of Central Missouri State University. Jermain contributed seven points to the Bearkitten 60-53 win over the Jennies.

'Cats, 'Kittens spring teams hope to capitalize on defense, teamwork

Chor, Eckhoff stress basic fundamentals for new ball season.

By TERESA MATTISON
Missourian Staff

With the first baseball and softball games only a little more than a month away, coaches Steve Chor and Gayla Eckhoff are both optimistic about their teams' potential.

After working on their defense during fall practice, Chor says the baseball team appears very strong in that area.

"We have a better defense than we have had in the past two years," Chor said. "We spent a lot of time on the fundamentals this spring, stressing pitching and defense because that is

what usually ends up winning the game."

Catcher Brian Davis, junior, said he thinks that each team member plays his defensive position well.

"There is also some competition for outfield positions, and that is making them work harder," Davis said.

While Chor said there is "no one person who really stands out" this year, he said this is not a liability.

"They do everything as a team," he said. "There is not as much talent on the individual basis, but as a team, they've got a good chance of doing well this season."

Davis agreed with the "team" concept, saying he believes the team is closer this year than in the past couple of years.

Another strength of the Bearcat baseball team will be their attitude, according to Chor.

"The guys are getting into practice every morning at a quarter 'til 6," he said. "You have to have a good attitude to do that. As soon as we get outside and start practicing in the afternoon, everything's going to come together well, I think."

Of the 28-member team, 10 are returning in addition to Davis. They are seniors Guy Berkenpas, Bryan Boydston, Daren Graham and Andy Olsen; juniors Dave Benson, Corey Daggett, Brett Dwyer and Tom Huffington; sophomore David Wahlert; and freshman Darin Mills.

Their first game is scheduled to be a doubleheader against Wayne State at

Bearcat Field on the Northwest campus, Feb. 28.

Eckhoff, Bearkitten softball coach, is also looking forward to a season marked by teamwork. Of the 16-member team, seven are returning, and Eckhoff expects all of them to see playing time.

"The way softball has evolved, with the designated player, pinch hitter and pinch runners, on any given weekend all 16 might see some kind of action," she said.

That fact is not something she's afraid of, as she is confident of all this year's new players.

Her descriptions of the individual team members ranged from that of a "strong leader on the mound," to "a little speedster," to "quick hands," to

having "excellent coaching in her background."

Meanwhile, she believes returning players will keep up last year's hitting record.

"Last year's team hit extremely well," she said. "If we can hit anywhere near to that, we'll be in excellent shape."

Returning 'Kittens are seniors Shannon Armstrong, Rhea Eustice, Rhonda Eustice and Molly Mercer; juniors Melissa Creglow and Theresa Quijano; and sophomores Melissa Creglow.

The 'Kittens will begin their season Feb. 26-28 at the MIAA Cross Division at Johnson County Community College in Shawnee, Kan.

Hopeful for NFL plays in Classic

By BRAD JENKINS

Missourian Staff

Another step was taken toward what will hopefully blossom into a long and successful career as a professional football player by Bearcat running back Reggie St. Romain when he recently played in the third annual All-American All-Star Classic.

The game, which was held in our nation's capital at RFK Stadium, gave those players attempting to advance to the next level an opportunity to showcase their talents, especially those from smaller schools, such as St. Romain. There were several players from NAIA Division I and II and NCAA Division II and III schools participating in addition to those from the larger NCAA Division I and I-AA schools.

St. Romain, who was a late addition to the roster of the American All-Stars, who lost the game to the National All-Stars by the score of 27-21, did not get to carry the ball as many times as he would have liked to. St. Romain's team fell behind early and had to take to the air and play catch-up, but when he was presented with the opportunity to do

so, he made the most of it.

"I got an agent over the Christmas break, and he was able to get me into this game with the other top running backs in the nation," St. Romain said. "I got 24 yards on four carries, but I was mainly asked to block since we had to go to the passing attack to get back into the game."

Despite not getting to carry the ball as much as he would have liked to in the game, St. Romain was able to do the one thing that is a goal of any player selected to an all-star game like this. He performed well in the practices and was able to impress the scouts from the professional teams and make more contacts for yourself.

"I talked to the Chiefs, Giants and Steelers," St. Romain said. "I also spoke with a guy from a team in the Canadian Football League. In addition to these contacts, I had previously received letters from the Cowboys and Dolphins, so I think I am starting to make myself more marketable to the pro clubs."

An NFL team without a dominant running back, Miami or New England, is the type of team St. Romain thinks he could be of most use to. If he had his

way, though, he would be playing all of his home games at the Houston Astrodome, also known as the "House of Pain."

"There are several teams in the NFL without a standout running back, both winning and losing, but I think I could really fit into the Dolphins' and Patriots' systems," St. Romain said. "My ideal team to play for would be the Houston Oilers since that is my home area."

"I feel that I am definitely an all-around back in that I have size and can block, run and catch," St. Romain said. "The scouts want everything in a running back, and I feel I can offer them that. I also think the fact I am from a smaller school where we tend to do those things more, will also help me."

Bearcat football head coach Bud Elliott thinks St. Romain's all-around skills are what separates him from the rest of the pack, and he definitely has made his mark at the game.

Sophomore defensive tackle Clarence Green, who had the unenviable task of trying to stop St. Romain in practice, said he definitely has what it takes to make it in the NFL.

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SPORTS

Sprinters excel

By KENRICK SEALY
Contributing Writer

The presence of various Division I, junior college and open competition at the Nebraska Open on Saturday, Jan. 23, in Lincoln, made the going a bit tough for the Bearcats and Bearkittens track athletes.

Impressive Bearcat efforts came from juniors Craig Grove and Mark Roberts, sophomore Chris Blondin, and the mile relay team.

In the 400-meter dash Grove ran a seasonal best of 50.92 seconds to take fifth place, while Roberts in the mile run clocked 4 minutes, 22.60 seconds to finished fifth.

Blondin clocked 1:57.99 for fifth, and the mile relay team of Eule Ford, Grove, Ron Perkins and Blondin ran a seasonal best of 3:24.65 for eighth.

Grove reflected on his race and saw great improvement ahead for him in the 400 meters.

"I feel happy with the first half of my race, but the last 50-75 meters I felt I was struggling, and I think it has a lot to do with not being in top shape right now," Grove said. "I would like to run in the low 49 seconds for the 400 meters and make it to nationals."

Head coach Richard Alsup made some comments pertaining to his team's performance thus far this season.

"I feel fine right now with the way the team is performing, but we need a lot more conditioning," Alsup said.

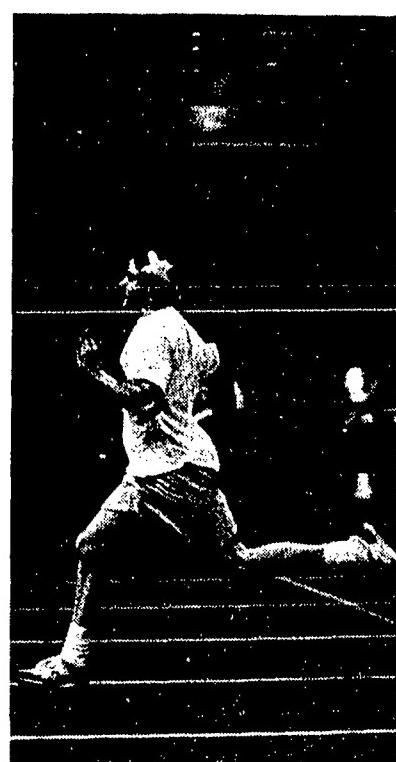


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Sports Columnist

**Blatant bias
shades truth
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Track runner Jaysen Horn conditions himself with laps inside Lamkin Gym, during practice.

milerun, 5:42.18, 18th; freshman Anne Northup in the 400-meter dash, 1:03.47, 16th; freshman Terri Wright in the 1000-yard run, 3:31.93, 13th and Meaghan Wilson in the 200-meter dash, 27.27 was 18th.

Kittens head coach Charline Cline said she was pleased with her team's performances.

The 'Cats' and 'Kittens' next track confrontation will take place Friday, Jan. 29, at the Central Missouri State Mules Relays in Warrensburg, Mo.

News-Press shows little journalistic integrity

Life as a journalist can offer many rewards, not the least of which is the opportunity to tell the public what is going on around them.

However, there is a fine line between telling the public what to think about and just plain what to think. The only place where editorializing is allowed in a newspaper is in columns, such as this one, which are clearly marked opinion.

Imagine my surprise when in the Thursday, Jan. 21, issue of the St. Joseph News-Press, I read this headline: "Griff's win no surprise."

As a journalism student I am appalled by blatant bias the News-Press allows into their stories and now it

even finds its way into their headlines.

An occasional blunder would be more than acceptable, but this total disregard for journalistic integrity has become a News-Press tradition in the Bearcat-Griffon rivalry.

I suppose the chances of the News-Press writing objectively about a competition between the Griffons and the 'Cats are about as low as Missouri Western's chances of gaining University status.

Whether it is an attempt to give the St. Joseph public what they want or just the News-Press' reporters allowing their personal feelings into their work, it all boils down to the same thing - bias, plain and simple.

During the game, the 'Cats outplayed the Griffins in nearly every category. Northwest outshot the Griffins 42.9 percent to 36.1 percent. The Bearcats beat the Griffins at the free throw line 75 percent to 72.7 percent, and the 'Cats even outgunned the Griffins from three-point range 37.5 percent to 25 percent.

The 'Cats went into halftime with a four-point lead and the confidence to hold on to it. When they arrived in the locker room the 'Cats did not find the team spirit and reassuring, motivational lecture one would expect at halftime of a game against a rival team.

Instead they found themselves robbed of their belongings.

The 'Cats' performance plummeted in the second half. Their shooting percentage was down nearly 10 percentage points from the first half, their three-point shooting was cut in half from 50 percent to 25 percent and their free-throw shooting took a dive from 87.5 percent to 66.7 percent.

It sounds to me like every Griffon fan who was at the game should be on their knees thanking the Lord (or whoever is responsible for the missing possessions) for allowing them to come away with a victory.

They should not be telling the public the victory was expected and never in jeopardy as the News-Press' headline would seem to indicate.

IN THE OUTFIELD

Bo Is 'hip' In Chicago

The Chicago White Sox are so excited about the possibility of Bo Jackson coming back from his hip replacement that they have put together a 20-game season ticket deal called the "hip" package.

Commercials show Jackson on his side, smiling, with an X-ray view of his exaggerated "mechanical" hip - a ferris wheel, bellows and other assorted gizmos.

"I was wondering what they would have done if I'd had some sort of prostate surgery," Jackson said. (Kansas City Star)

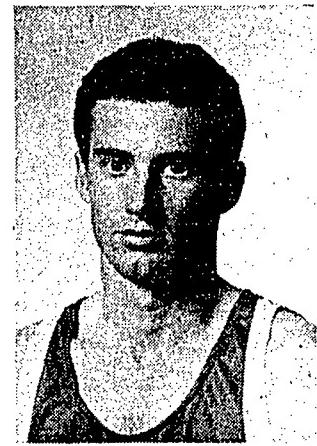
NCAA overtime record set

Drake and Northern Iowa tied an NCAA women's record for overtimes with four Saturday, Jan. 23. Drake won 112-106. Northern Iowa's Ann Miller played all 60 minutes, scoring a career-high 37 points.

Player dies at Iowa school

Donald Logan II, 19, a starting offensive tackle last fall at Iowa Central Community College in Dodge City, Iowa, collapsed and died Saturday at a college residence hall. "They were messing around playing two-on-two football, and Donald went to get a drink of water and collapsed," Iowa Central Coach Vern Thomsen said. Logan, a 6-3, 280-pound freshman from Springfield, Ohio, apparently died from cardiac rhythm problem, said Dan Cole, the Webster County medical examiner.

**PLAYER
WATCH**
CRAIG
GROVE



Craig Grove, junior 400-meter sprinter recently placed fifth at the Nebraska Open Meet on Saturday, Jan. 23. Grove sprained a time of 50.92 seconds.

Grove hopes to make it to nationals this season.

"I want to improve on my time from last year, and I hope to make it to nationals," Grove said.

As for the present time he plans on putting his energy into his practice and meets.

"I need to be more focused in practice and in the meets," Groves said. "I also need more intense conditioning in practice."

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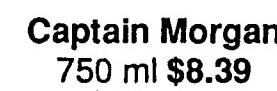
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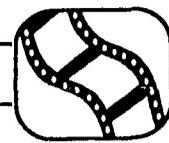
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P WEEKEND PLANNER



MOVIES

Maryville

"Forever Young," "A Few Good Men"

St. Joseph

Hillcrest 4 Theater
"Hex," "The Bodyguard,"
"Body of Evidence,"
"Nowhere to Run"

Plaza 8

"Aspen," "A Few Good Men,"
"Scent of a Woman,"
"Aladdin," "Forever Young,"
"Home Alone 2," "Alive,"
"Used People," "Matinee"

Trail Theater

"Captain Ron"
(check theaters for show times)



STAGE

Kansas City

"Ma Rainey's Black Bottom,"
Jan. 19-31, Missouri Repertory Theater

Des Moines

"Nunsense," Jan. 28-31,
Ingersoll Dinner Theater

"Graceland" and "Tomefoolery," Jan. 28-31. Des Moines Civic Center

"Amadeus," Jan. 29, 8 p.m., Des Moines Playhouse

Conway Twitty, Jan. 30, 8:30 p.m.; Civic Center



NIGHTLIFE

Kansas City

Buddy Guy, Jan. 28, Guitar and Cadillacs

Cumming's Restaurant and Lounge, Jan. 29, 8 p.m., Fierman and Kings of Jazz Dance Band

"John Dillion and The Rob Boys," Jan. 29, 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 1 a.m., Jimmy's Jigger

"Bon Ton Soul Accordion Band," Jan. 29-30, The Hurricane

Live Jazz, Jan. 29-30, Birdland Lounge

"Michaelangelo's," Jan. 30, 8:30 p.m., Norton Canfield

Julie Weaver, piano, every Friday and Saturday, The Raphael

"Nightmoves," Jan. 30, 9:30 p.m., Kelley Hunt Band

"Kansas City's Second Annual Anti-Super Bowl Party," Jan. 31, Blue Note Cafe

"Red Onion Jazz Babies," Jan. 31, 5-9 p.m., The Bristol

Jam Night, every Sunday, Backstage

"Mama Ray's Sunday Session," every Sunday, 7-11 p.m., Jimmy's Jigger

Des Moines

"Butch Thompson Trio," Jan. 29, 8 p.m., St. John's Coffee House

"Buckwheat Zydeco," Jan. 30, 7 p.m. and 11 p.m., Hotel Fort



SPORTS

Kansas City

K.C. Blades vs. Phoenix Roadrunners, Jan. 29, 7 p.m., Kemper Arena

K.C. Blades vs. Phoenix Roadrunners, Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m., Kemper Arena

K.C. Attack vs. Chicago, Jan. 31, 7:35 p.m., Kemper Arena



Craig Sheffer, Brad Pitt and Tom Skerritt star in "A River Runs Through It." Robert Redford directed the film, which according to Don Munsch was the No. 1 American film in 1992. The remaining top films of the year are as follows: 2. "Giengarry Glen Ross," 3. "A Few Good Men," 4. "Scent of a Woman," 5. "Malcolm X," 6. "White Men Can't Jump," 7. "The Player," 8. "Aladdin," 9. "Lorenzo's Oil" and 10. "One False Move." Munsch's Oscar predictions: "A Few Good Men," "Unforgiven," "The Player," "Malcolm X" and "Howard's End."

REEL TO REEL

Acting compliments story

Regarding "Lorenzo's Oil," I can't help but think about a childhood friend who was afflicted with leukemia. I was in the fifth grade at the time and remember seeing him one day without any of his hair. His mother, who was with him, explained he had been undergoing chemotherapy treatments. It was a bit of a shock to see someone my age without any hair, but it gave me an early dose of reality for which I remain grateful.

This important main point is made clear in "Lorenzo's Oil," which is about a couple's struggle to find a cure for an extremely rare disease that afflicts their 5-year-old son, Lorenzo. The disease is adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD), a malady with which no treatment or cure has been established. The parents of the boy are Augusto and Michaela Odono (Nick Nolte and Susan Sarandon), who are told in 1984 that their son suffers from this ailment. Additionally, he will slowly lose all of motor and muscular functions and has one to two years to live. ALD, they are told, affects only boys, age 5 to 10, whose mothers carry the gene that causes the disease.

Rather than sit by and watch their son slowly die, the Odones take steps to find possible treatments. Their son is still alive today at 14, largely from their efforts. Fraught with despair and

frustration, but full of hope, the Odones seek help from the medical establishment and research scientists working on treatments.

The disease was discovered 10 years ago, and research is in its infancy. Undeterred, the Odones pool their own research, scouring through gobs of medical texts and reports to find answers.

They are aided by a kindly but pragmatic researcher (Peter Ustinov), who gives them guidance but repeatedly warns and lectures them that medicine, unlike mathematics, is not an exact science: One may find results to complicated mathematical problems, but understanding why a certain treatment will or won't work is sometimes unanswerable.

The largest problem in ALD faced by the Odones is a saturated fat regulated by the body. In ALD patients the body cannot properly handle the development of these fats, which clog bloodstreams.

Sarandon and Nolte give uniformly excellent performances. I use "uniformly" because these are two of best



Don Munsch
Movie Critic

American actors working today. Under such circumstances faced by the Odones, Sarandon and Nolte parlay all the bitter, heart-wrenching emotions experienced by any parents whose child faces death. Nolte is somewhat unique here in that he dons an Italian dialect, where he accentuates every "e" sound. Some may find it distracting, but it never diminishes his true feelings, especially in one of the movie's best scenes in which he argues with one parent about using a treatment that hasn't been approved by medical authorities.

Sarandon herself also has many great scenes, but the best may be the scene in which she discovers — from Nolte's character — that hope sometimes is never enough and that their efforts, laudable as they are, will never benefit Lorenzo. And it's here where this film earns its medal.

Although modern medicine may only do so much to help the afflicted, we learn, helpful advancements are being made in numerous studies; unfortunately, medicine is a science that cannot be hurried by time. Proposed treatments have to be tested, retested and then approved by bureaucracies. The Odones understand reasoning, but when your child is dying before you sometimes logic shouldn't apply.

Rating: ★★★1/2

SOUNDBITES

Contemporary political humor highlights new rock album

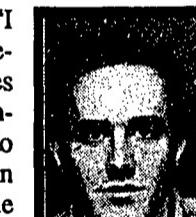
My friend Jeff Brown, KDLX music director, came up to me the other day and told me to play a CD. "Man, it's great!" he said. The CD he pointed out is, strangely enough, this week's selection. "Welcome to Pleasantville" by Wally Pleasant, is a collection of humorously songs that make fun of everything and everyone:

Being the kind of person who grinds his teeth at poorly performed music, I really had my doubts. I used to listen to "Doctor Dimento" when I was younger, so things like this were nothing new, and I was expecting stupid songs about stupid subjects. I looked at the back and read the titles: "I Was A Teen-Age Republican," "I Hate Cops," "Rock and Roll Yard Sale" and so on.

Well, let me put it this way, if you like the Violent Femmes, you'll love this. Wally Pleasant is a folk version of the Violent Femmes with a twist of the consciousness of the '90s stirred in.

In the song "I Hate Cops" he reflects the attitudes of many of our generation in regards to the valiant men in uniform. "I hate cops/Whether they're beating some guy senseless/Or gainin' weight in donut shops/They'll give you a ticket/File a report/Kick you in the head/And lie about it in court."

The words of the song do not only reflect our attitudes toward the men in blue, but they also sink deep into the psyche and provoke thought. This is one of the aspects of the album that a person listening to the humor may miss at first. If you listen, really listen, to what he is saying in his lyrics you will find out he is very politically aware.



Nathan Thomas
Music Critic

His use of some contemporary examples makes his message clear to the listeners. He sees the police as I see the police.

Now, I know what he says about the police is mostly a cliché, but it gets better. "Stalin's KGB and Hitler's gestapo were great cops in history/But they could have learned a little from the LAPD/And might doesn't make right when you're wrong/And I'd probably get my ass kicked if a cop heard me sing this song."

The post-modern folk continues with "I Was a Teen-Age Republican": "Well, I woke up one day/With an uncontrollable urge to get an MBA/A new-found hatred for the poor/And a burning desire to start a war."

This is probably the most universal song on the album. We are children of the '80s and we cannot deny it. We all watched "Family Ties." If we didn't understand what Ronald Reagan was

doing to our country, we found out soon enough. He even slams the former first lady.

After singing about Nancy Reagan's infatuation with Frank Sinatra and the Iran-Contra affair, Wally continues the ballad to the Republican Party with this: "And we told the world if you were politically left of center it was reason enough to invade ya/So to keep us safe from the Communist threat we went to a golf course called Grenada."

Like the rest of the songs, this is not a musical masterpiece, but it really doesn't take anything away from the CD as a whole. He sings with guitar accompaniment, occasionally an accordion or drums and bass, and it's very impromptu. If you remember the song "Bitchin' Camaro" by the Dead Milkmen you'll have a grasp on what his style is. I don't mean the song, but the intro: It's more like comedic humor put to music.

"Rock and Roll Song" is a song that tackles a subject I have a strong opinion about: "Rock song with mindless clichés/Rock song I guess unoriginality pays." It goes on to say, "I wanna have long blonde hair with lots of curls/Wear makeup and be in a band consisting of guys that look like ugly girls/Sing songs about sex, Satan and the apocalypse/To 13-year-old boys and small town hicks."

One thing is for certain, Pleasant

sings the truth about our confused society.

"Welcome to Pleasantville" is on

Miranda Records, a company Pleasant

owns. If you want a copy, and I suggest

you get one, you'll have to order it, but

it is well worth the postal fees.

To order the album write to Miranda

Records; PO Box 1024; East Lansing,

Mich. 48826. It's \$8 for the tape and

\$12 for the CD.

Rating: ★★★



Day after brings misery, headaches to Yours Truly

The couch seems like heaven on Sunday morning. Then I realize the curtains failed to get shut completely, as I tug the plaid quilt up over my eyes so my feet don't freeze.

Finally, I bring myself to climbing off the monstrous sofa, which I molded to be my perfect fit. It would never be as comfortable.

Walking three steps to close the curtains, it seems maybe the third bottle of Boone's Farm was unnecessary. My mouth drops open and a long painful sigh starts remembering the night before. Where did I go? Who did I see there? What did I say to them? Did I tell somebody I wanted them sexually? How did they react?

After lying there for about 10 minutes, remembering only about half of what really had to have happened, I decide to get up for good. First to the microwave, it reads 9:25 a.m. No way, it has to be later.

The taste in my mouth is familiar. The kind of after-

I pour myself some water. A couple of aspirin might just be the right thing to wash down this water.

Reaching into the wooden cabinet filled with ramen noodles and canned vegetables, I find my roommate's bottle of aspirin which I've been snagging with every bad hangover. Empty — how can I continue this day?

Television is almost as good as aspirin and it is better for the stomach. I lay back into the couch with the remote in hand. The screen appears like magic. Now if I can only find the perfect nonsense to waste away this morning. Yes, "The Andy Griffith Show" is what I needed. Barney and Andy are the perfect comic relief.

Two minutes into the show and it is over. Ted Turner and his stupid Super Station can't keep the same time as other television stations. Coming up next is some stupid black-and-white movie starring a bunch of nobodies.

I start flipping through the channels, a genetic trait I inherited from my father. Like a madman I flip and flip and flip, never stopping long enough to figure out if anything is really worth watching. Instead, instincts have forced me to flip through every station a million times

until I find the right moment and the right sitcom.

I stop at MTV. No Mary Tyler Moore, Bob Newhart or Bill Cosby this morning. Kurt Loder delivers some news from the rock scene. He is so dry and boring he only makes the hangover worse. I think of flipping through the stations again, but I've seen enough ministers, chefs and fishermen already to make me puke.

The neighbors upstairs start moving furniture around again; the screeching makes me want to cut off my head or at least my ears.

I decide what I really need is the Sunday paper. I do not need to put on shoes. I walk out there like a wild man in jeans, no shirt, no shoes.

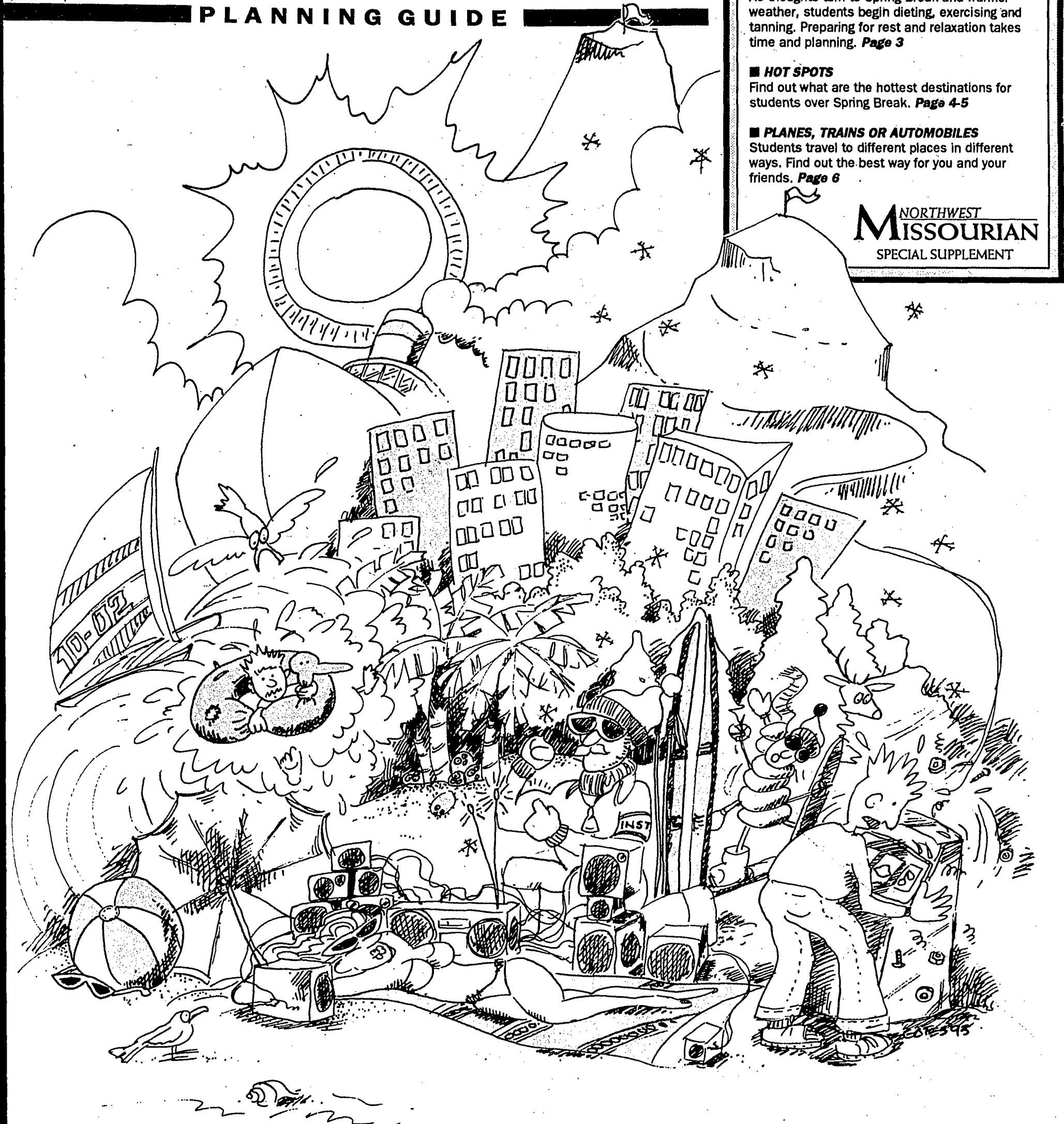
I dump the paper in the middle of the floor and grab a couple of snack cakes. I read the headlines and find out what happened last night while I was intoxicating myself.

The sports pages and ads from Kmart sharpen my reality. Kansas won and Duke lost. This hangover might not be so bad.

The Stroller is an anonymous column, which has been a Northwest tradition since 1918.

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Ultraviolet rays may cause health risks

College students are among the largest group to ignore precautionary sun-exposure measures; sunscreens may lessen chances of skin cancer.

By TERESA MATTSON
Missourian Staff

For everyone who is heading south this Spring Break, few things will be as satisfying as the feeling of returning to school to show off a golden tan earned from a week of concentrated sun worship.

Commonly mistaken for a sign of good health, college students are among the largest group who treat the sun as a deity.

Unfortunately, the same rays that bronze the body may eventually destroy the body if skin cancer develops and goes undetected or uncared for too long.

According to the American Cancer Society, over 500,000 new cases of skin cancer are reported every year. This number continues to be on the rise.

The other two major types of skin cancer are basal cell and squamous cell carcinoma, basal cell being the most common type.

While they are not as likely to be lethal as melanoma, they are still considered dangerous by health professionals.

According to a July 23, 1990, report by Time magazine, skin cancer is occurring more and more frequently due in part to the coming of age of baby-boomers who started the sun-worshipping trend.

As a cumulative disease, most skin

cancers require years of exposure to the sun before tumors begin.

Over the past five years, that generation has just begun to show the effects of too many lazy afternoons spent by the pool or at the beach.

Meanwhile, America's youth keep up the sun-worshiping craze, accepting risks they may not fully understand in order to wear those faded denim shorts or skimpy summer dresses more confidently.

"I think people look better when they have a little color to them. When I am tan, I feel like I look more 'alive' than when my skin is pale. That's why I like to use a tanning bed in the winter," Erin Gray, senior, said.

Mary Lyons, Student Health Center nurse coordinator, said that students, like most people, may not realize what kind of danger they are in when they overexpose themselves and their bodies to sunlight, which contains ultraviolet rays that age and wrinkle the skin and are the foremost reason behind skin cancer.

She said that even with the rise in skin cancer patients over the past few years and the extra press the problem has received, students still refuse to take enough precautions that could prevent cancer.

"We still see students with sunburns, those who continue to use tanning beds and those who stay out in the sun during the prime-time hours," Lyons said.

While the majority of sun exposure naturally occurs in the summer months, tanning salons remain popular and make overexposure to ultraviolet rays possible year-round.

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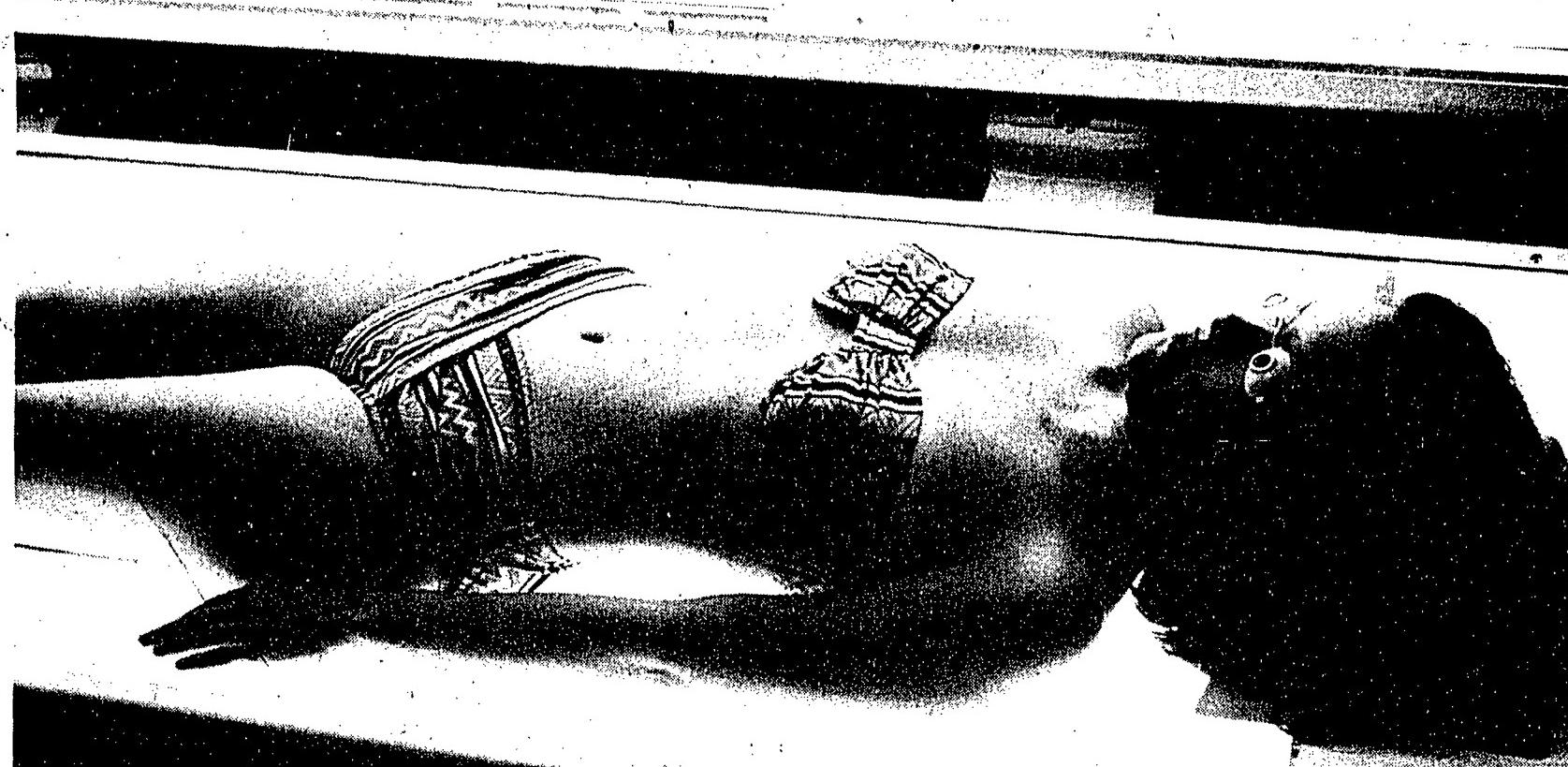


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Turning to tanning beds, students resort to a synthetic form of sun worship to maintain their desired look. Many believe tanning beds are safer than tanning outside because they do not use the dangerous ultraviolet B rays. Tanning salons like Tanfastic offer special discount prices.

During the last few weeks before Spring Break, Maryville tanning salons will be swarmed by those wanting to look their best while partying in their swimsuits at Fort Lauderdale, Daytona Beach, Key West or South Padre Island.

Sunlight contains two wavelengths of ultraviolet light that lead to the tanning and eventually the aging of skin. Tanning beds utilize ultraviolet A, the longer of the two.

Because it penetrates deeper than ultraviolet B, three hours in the sun are required to match the results of 25 minutes in a tanning bed (the figure varies according to the particular bed).

The belief is that ultraviolet B is the more dangerous of the two wavelengths.

Ultraviolet B is a radiation ray that is

abundant in high sunlight.

Therefore, many believe using tanning beds is safer than spending time outside unprotected from the sun.

Ultraviolet B is said to be the most responsible for basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas, and also plays a large role in malignant melanomas.

"If the choice of how to get a tan comes down to which is safer, dermatologists will tell you to use a bed," Dave Messner, owner of Tanfastic Tanning Salon, 116 E. 2nd St., said.

However, that is not to downplay the declared danger of tanning beds. In 1990, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the American Academy of Dermatology reported a concern that "UVA rays generated by tanning lights may cause thinning and aging of

the skin and increase the probability of skin cancer."

This led the American Cancer Association to encourage everyone, especially those that take in a lot of the sun's rays, to "carefully evaluate any tanning activity which may potentially increase the chances of developing skin cancers."

The best defense against skin cancer is, of course, limiting one's exposure to sunlight. The American Cancer Society recommends these important safeguards:

• Avoid the sun between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., when ultraviolet rays and sun exposure are the strongest and most harmful.

• While in the sun during peak hours, wear protective clothing (a hat is

strongly recommended) and use a sunscreen with at least a 15 rating.

• Use a sunscreen even on cloudy days and while swimming. About 75 percent of the ultraviolet rays can penetrate clouds.

Skin cancers can be easy to detect with routine inspections for skin changes. Look for changes in moles or sores and discoloration that appears suddenly.

"From time to time, people will notice different types of skin lesions, and it can be scary when something appears all of a sudden," Lyons said.

"But more times than not, it's not cancerous, and the best thing these people can do is to have a physician look at it so it can be caught in the early stages if there is a problem," she said.

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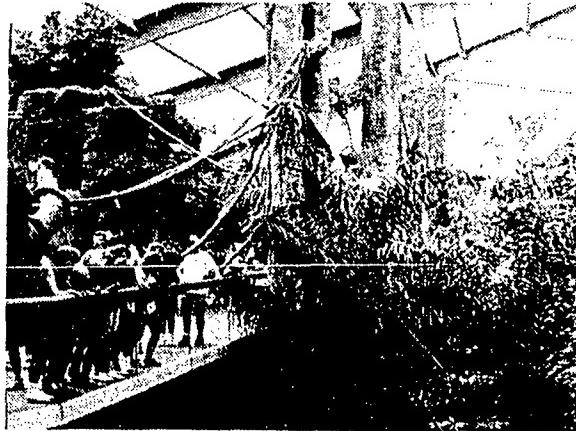
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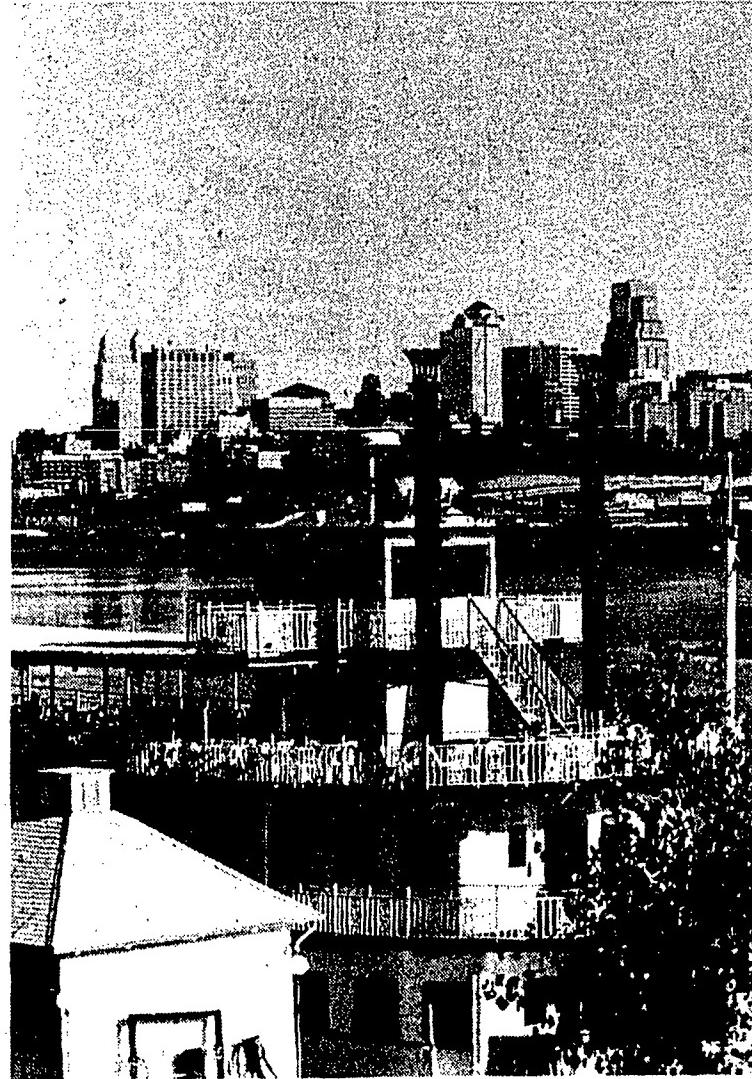
For those who cannot travel far during Spring Break, area cities offer a variety of inexpensive getaways. The Woodlands racetrack in Kansas City has greyhound and horse racing daily. General admission is \$1, and the track opens at 1:30 p.m.



KATHY BARNES/Northwest Missourian

Inside the new Lied Jungle at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Neb., animals are divided into their respective global continents. The jungle features a swinging bridge, waterfall and many jungle species.

Kansas City's Missouri River Queen sets sail Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays at 6 p.m. for a 2-1/2-hour cruise featuring dinner and live entertainment.



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Short trips to unique area locales in Missouri, Iowa and Nebraska offer fun solutions during March vacation.

By TOM CHAPLIN
Missourian Staff

Don't have the money to go to Hawaii, Bermuda or even Florida? Well, there's always something to see in Missouri, Nebraska or Iowa over Spring Break.

If you want to see a rock concert over break and are going to be in the Des Moines area but don't have much money, the Science Center of Iowa offers an economical solution. Every Friday and Saturday night, the Science Center has laser light shows for \$5 per person.

The chair-thumping shows include music from such legendary groups as Metallica, Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd.

If, however, you are wanting a more serene setting, the Des Moines Botanical Center can be the cheapest tropical setting for the dollar.

Strolling through the greenery can relax the college student and provide the perfect atmosphere for students wishing to spend some time with someone special.

The Botanical Center is filled with exotic plants and birds and includes a waterfall complete with tropical fish and turtles.

For those in the Kansas City area, the Missouri River Queen sets sail on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

On Fridays and Saturdays at 6 p.m. the Queen cruises for a 2-1/2-hour dinner featuring live entertainment.

The price for adults ranges from \$22.50 to \$24.95 per person. On Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. the Queen cruises for an hour of sightseeing for \$5.75 per person.

The riverboat cruises provide the passengers with plenty of opportunities to take in the scenic river beauty.

If the gambling mood strikes over Spring Break, The Woodlands racetrack in Kansas City is the place to be. The track

opens at 1:30 p.m., and general admission is \$1. The track offers both horse and greyhound races.

Military buffs may want to take a trip to Bellevue, Neb., just outside of Omaha. Bellevue is the home of the Strategic Air Command Museum.

The outside of the museum offers guests a chance to stroll in and around military aircrafts and missiles. Inside the museum visitors can sit and view flight films. One can experience the actual feeling of being strapped into a B-52 bomber cockpit.

There is also a partial replica of the SAC Underground Command Post. The price of admission for adults is \$3.

Omaha also offers the animal lovers something. The Henry Doorly Zoo is one of the finest zoos in the nation and has some recent additions; almost every aspect of the animal kingdom is displayed for the public to experience.

The new Lied Jungle allows those interested in jungle life to view unique animals close-up.

If funds do not allow for an elaborate Spring Break, area sites offer fun solutions.

For more information on these inexpensive getaways, contact them at the following numbers:

- The Woodlands Racing; 99th and Leavenworth; Kansas City, Kan. 66109; (913) 299-3636.

- The Missouri River Queen, (913) 281-5300 or 1(800) 373-0027.

- The SAC Museum; 2510 Clay St.; Bellevue, Neb. 68005; (402) 292-2001 or 1(800) 228-4307.

- The Science Center of Iowa; 4500 Grand Ave.; Des Moines, Iowa 50312; (515) 274-4138.

- The Des Moines Botanical Center; 909 E. River Drive; Des Moines, Iowa 50316; (515) 283-4148.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Pre-break rituals begin

Traditional preparations, rituals for relaxation in the sun include dieting, tanning and working out.

By JENNIFER DUNLOP
Missourian Staff

With less than two months to go until Spring Break, many students are realizing there is much work in store in preparing their bodies for days on the slopes and nights on the tropical beaches.

One pre-break ritual which has gained increasing popularity in the past five years is indoor tanning. Found in a number of Maryville salons, tanning beds offer two main benefits, according to Dave Messner, owner of Tanfastic Tanning Salon. The first benefit is increased looks.

"Darker skin makes people look healthier," Messner said. "Girls even say it makes them look thinner. Some people say they like having very white skin, but that is very few."

Not everyone is willing to participate in the ritual of indoor tanning, however, because of the health risks.

"I have never been in a tanning bed and I probably never will. I don't believe in it, and I don't need the extra help on getting cancer," junior Michelle Densmore said.

Messner thought differently, however.

"Not very many people tan indoors for their health," he admits, "but it is much safer than the sun."

This, he said, is because the beds used at Tanfastic screen out the UVA and UVB rays, which cause wrinkles and skin cancer. UVB rays are still present, but in regulated amounts.

It is also a good idea, Messner said, to get a base tan before Spring Break.

"You'll run your vacation short if you get burnt," he said. "If you go down to Padre white, you'll spend most of your time in your hotel because you'll be fried."

"Remember that the exterior is not as important as the interior."

Peggy Miller
ARA dietician

"In general, most people think of losing weight one month before Spring Break," Miller said. "This is fine if they want to lose 5 pounds, but it is extremely unhealthy to lose more than 8 pounds a month."

One reason why this is unhealthy, according to Miller, is that if weight is lost too fast, it will almost invariably come back. Secondly, if the body is starved of fat for an extended time, it will begin breaking down proteins in the body, namely muscles.

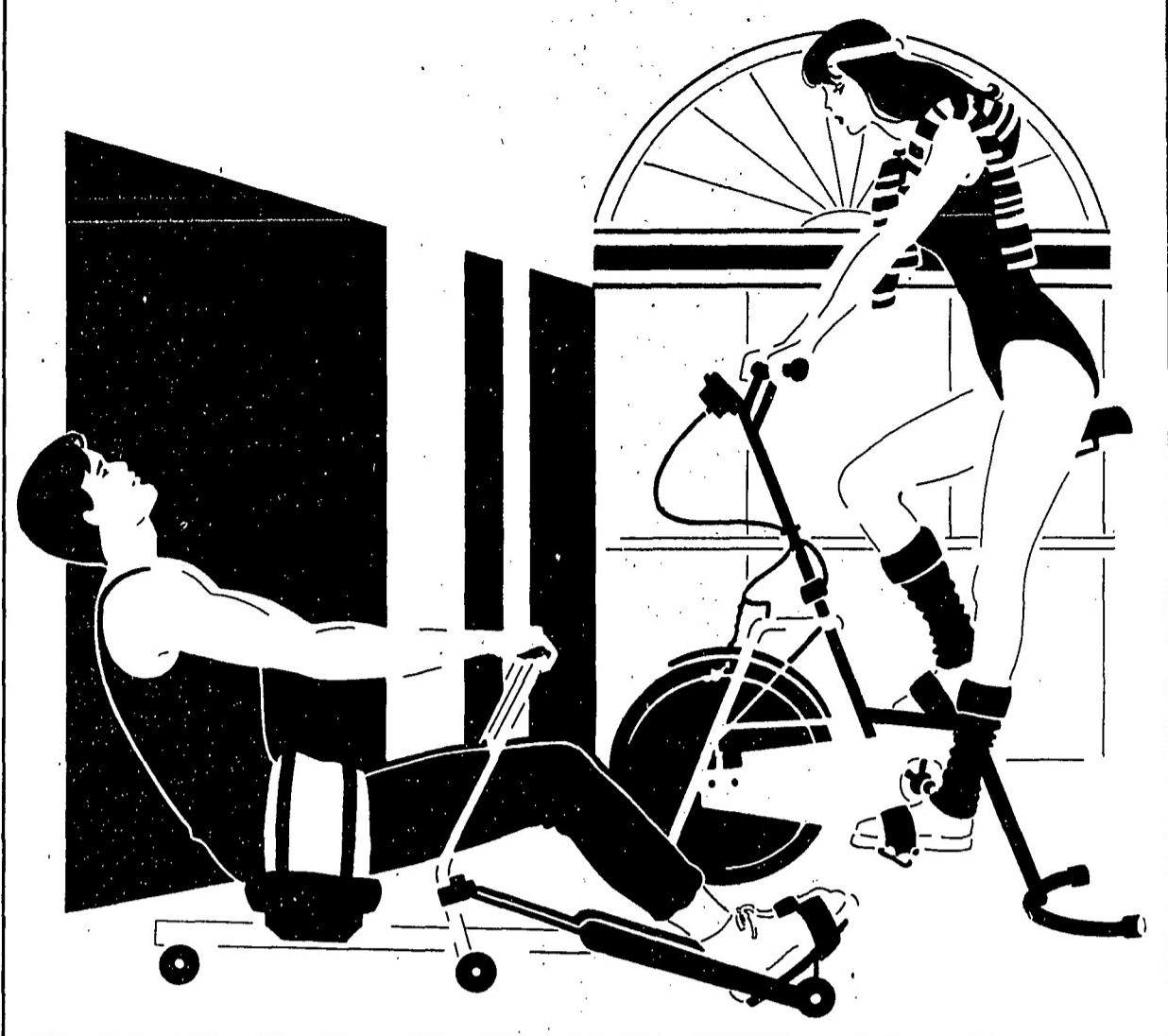
Miller recommends starting dieting early, exercising with a friend and realizing that not everyone is a "bikini possibility."

"Remember that the exterior is not as important as the interior," she said. "No one seems to believe that at (college) age."

In conjunction with dieting, exercising is an important element in the pre-break body preparation.

"I don't tan for break but I do work out. I started last year before break to work off that 'freshman 85' and noticed I felt a lot better so I kept it up," Houseworth said.

Densmore chooses step aerobics as part of her fitness program. Others incorporate weight-lifting in their fitness programs.



Gary Collins, head of the Northwest Fitness Center, said for students seeking muscle tone, the series of weights found at the center would be adequate. He also stresses starting early because results can take up to eight weeks to surface.

Looking good for Spring Break is important to many, and with only two months left before the big week, now is the time for students to take charge of their bodies and begin the pre-break rituals which will contribute to the enjoyment of the holiday.

Safe sex should be practiced during vacations

Sexual activity safety precaution advice given; students informed on questions to ask partners, best ways to prevent HIV, STDs and pregnancy.

By JODI PULS
Assistant Editor

A time to travel, meet people, get drunk and have sex. It is Spring Break. Students will go to South Padre Island, Fort Lauderdale or the Rocky Mountains with only one thing on their minds. What is not always on their minds is doing it safely. With the chance of pregnancy or contracting a sexually transmitted disease or AIDS, it is an important thing to think about.

In the United States, 9,783 cases of AIDS were reported by those 13 to 24 years old between June 1981 and July 1992, according to Health and Harper's Bazaar magazines.

Because it is Spring Break, students from all over the nation will be submerging on these popular tourist locations. All of them have the same things on their minds: spending the next five days getting drunk, getting some sun and having sex. One-night stands are a normal occurrence.

A student may think that if they get to know the prospective sex partner, they will be safe. It is good to know the person's name, home town and life plans, but there are other questions that need to be asked.

According to Newsweek magazine, these are some of the important questions that you need to ask.

- Have you been tested for HIV or other STDs?
- How many sex partners have you had?
- Have you ever been with a prostitute?
- (ask a man) Have you ever had sex with a man?

- Have you ever had a blood transfusion, particularly before 1985, when blood was not screened for HIV?

The answers to these questions should be considered before engaging in sexual activity.

The best way to lessen your risk of getting an STD is abstinence. If the decision is made to have sex, there are ways to make it less risky.

According to Newsweek, the best ways to lessen the risk include using protection. A latex condom should be used during vaginal, anal or oral sex, and never reuse it. Lubricants should be water-based, instead of oil-based, because the oil can cause the condom to become vulnerable to leaks and breakage.

Males receiving oral sex should wear a condom, and when women receive oral sex, they should use a dental dam, a flat latex device held over the vagina.

Use spermicides with condoms; they can kill sexually transmittable germs when a condom leaks or breaks.

Avoid anal sex. It is the riskiest method of intercourse.

Most students would rather return from Spring Break with hilarious travel stories, tales of bad hangovers and a great tan, than be pregnant, have an STD or be HIV positive.

Hangovers can be prevented, not cured

Albany, N.Y. (AP) – Even if you are in no condition to read this, you probably know that aspirin will not cure it and water will not prevent it.

It is the hangover, and it is inevitable if you drink too much alcohol.

The headache, upset stomach and bad aftertaste that accompany a hangover come from the toxic byproduct of alcohol, a chemical called acetaldehyde.

Some typical folk remedies – eating cold pizza, taking aspirin before bed or drinking another cocktail – may do more harm than good.

Aspirin and ibuprofen are bad for

the stomach lining, and popping them one when the stomach is already irritated from drinking dramatically increases the risk of an ulcer, according to Mankes.

The acetaminophen in Tylenol will not harm the stomach, but it can strain the liver, which is already being damaged by the alcohol, according to Mankes.

Drinking water while intoxicated will not help either. Because alcohol induces urination, all the water that comes in goes out, taking with it minerals and salts.

Do not even think about drinking another alcoholic beverage to reduce hangover symptoms.

"The 'hair of the dog' is the first step on the road to alcoholism," Mankes said.

Coffee will not make a drinker sober. "All you end up with is a wide awake drunk," he said.

So what is the cure?

"Avoid getting one in the first place," Mankes said. "That does not mean avoiding alcohol. One can drink responsibly."

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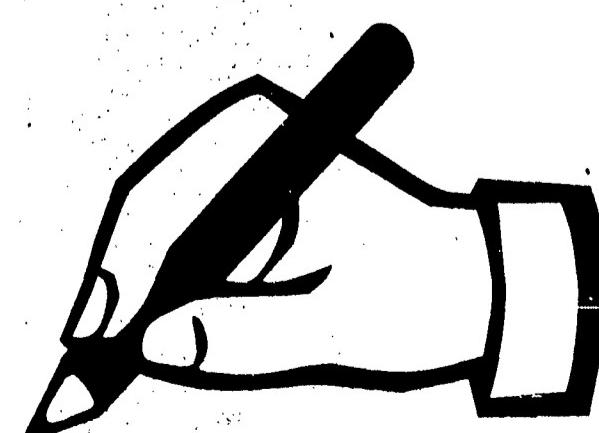


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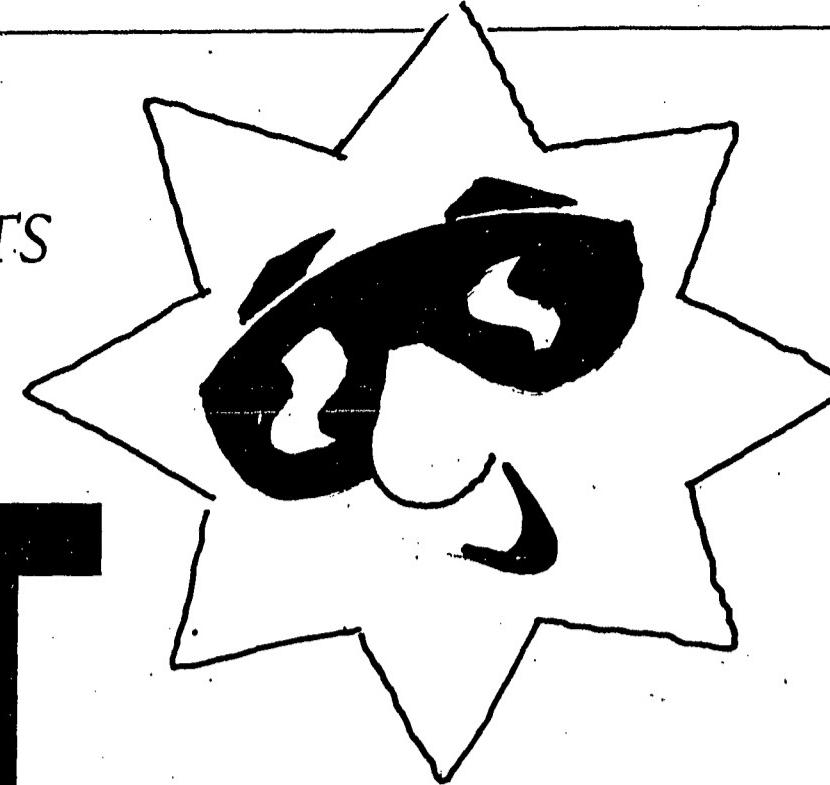
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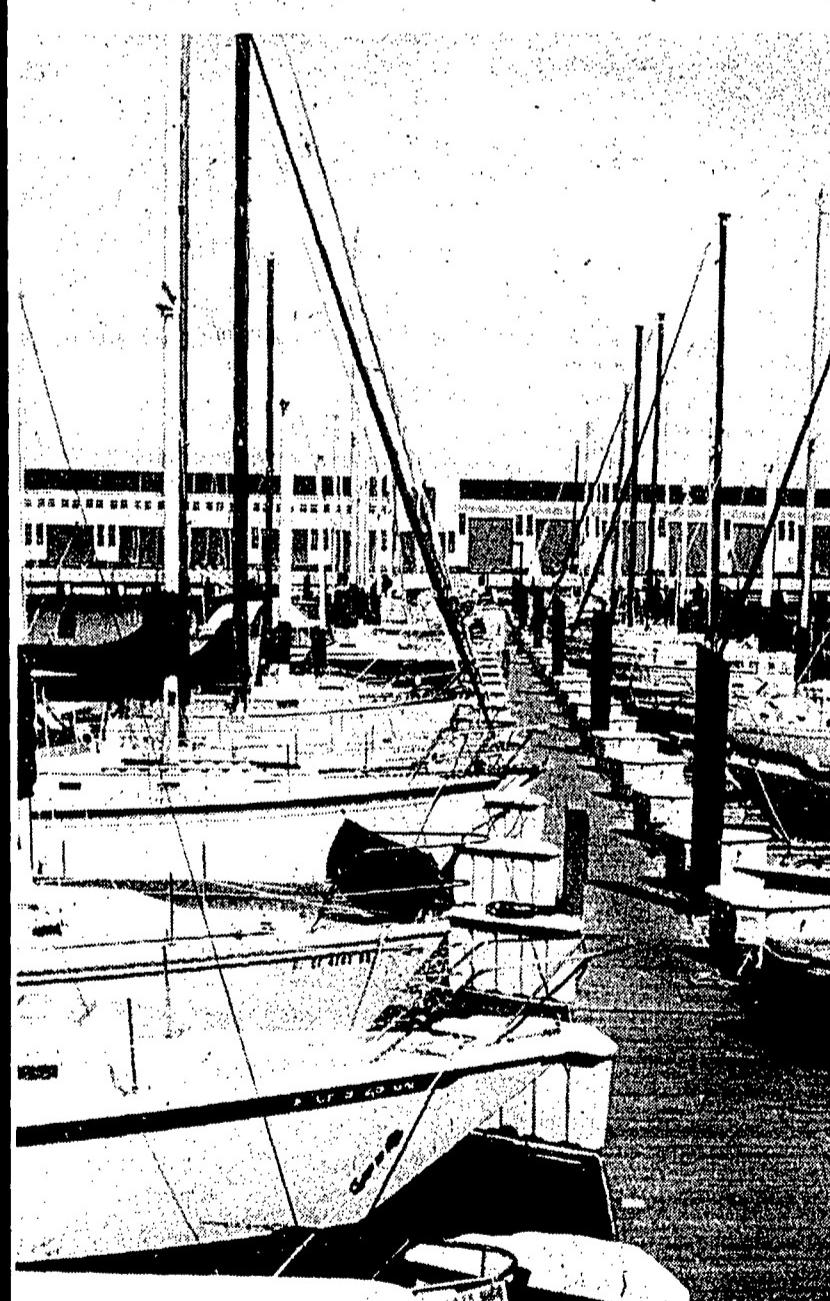
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LAURA WIDMER/Contributing Photographer

San Diego

Home of the world's largest zoo, San Diego offers opportunities for visitors to spend long relaxing days on the sunny southern California sands. The blue waters of San Diego are perfect for swimming, sailing or deep sea fishing.

San Diego, California's oldest city, is full of historical shops and restaurants. The Gaslamp Quarter provides a perfect setting for admiring the beauty of the city's historic architecture.

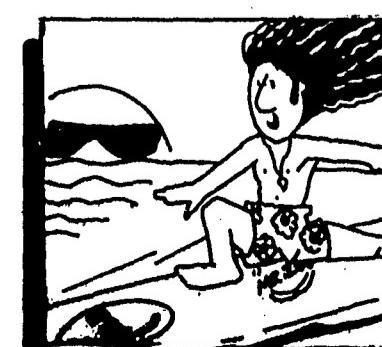
Along with the famous zoo, San Diego is also home to Sea World and the Wild Animal Park. Sea World is 150 acres of exhibits and other attractions. The 4,000-pound killer whale named Shamu resides at the marine

park and is sure to captivate all.

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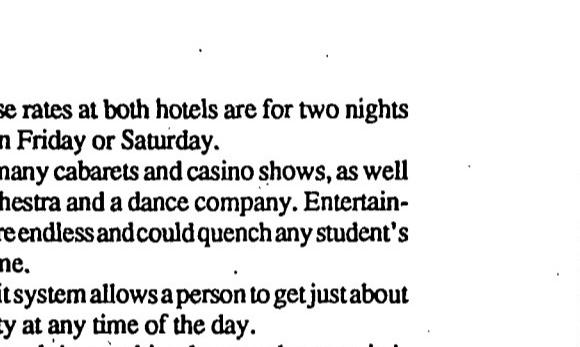
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The three days of the Bahamas cruise includes stopping at Nassau and Freeport. Nassau is the capital of the Bahamas and was settled in 1666. In the city, students may try their luck in the large casinos, shop in the Straw Market or simply relax on the soft beaches.

Back on the ship, there is never a shortage of activities to participate in. The ships are equipped with gyms for weightlifting, casinos for shooting dice and enough food to insure no passenger will go home with an empty stomach.

Carnival also has cruises of the Mexican Riviera. These seven-day cruises cost from \$1,000 to \$2,500. The Mexican



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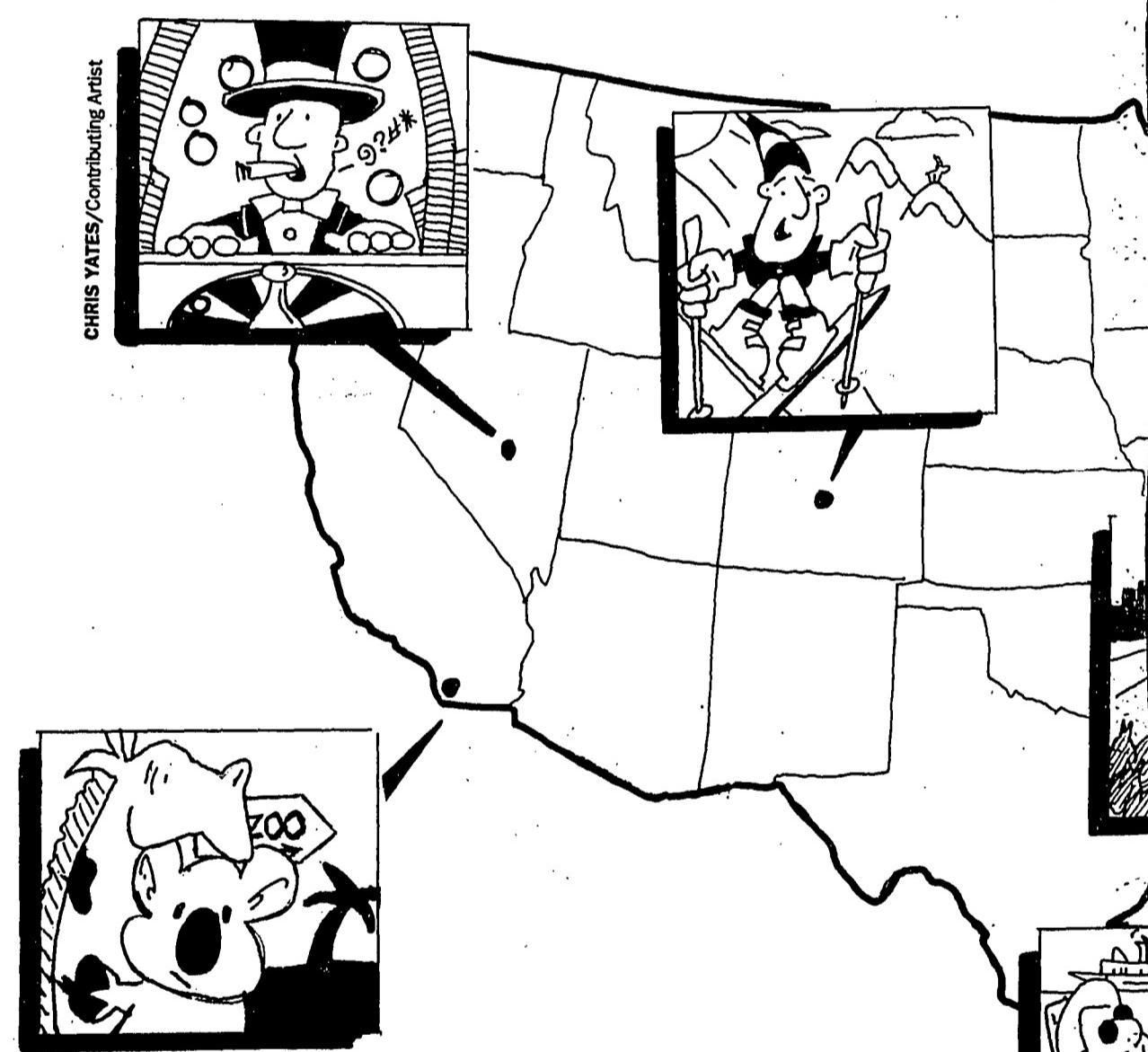
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South Padre Island

Thousands of college students annually converge on this Texan island. South Padre Island has become one of the nation's most popular Spring Break locations.

The resort island offers students the sun, beach and ocean. Along with these natural beauties, South Padre Island offers people bunches and bunches of college students.

Resort hotels range in price from \$119 to \$319. Most accommodations are designed for four to 10 occupants.

There are many special packages offered to students by different organizations.

Cotter Travel in Maryville is offering a package including accommodations, parties, tour directors, wind surfing, a free call home and all resort taxes. Prices for this package start at \$199.

Due to the popularity of South Padre Island, students should plan early and check around for the package most suitable for their wallets and desires.

Jetskiing and wind surfing are popular water sports on the island. Parasailing is also a relaxing way to spend some time.

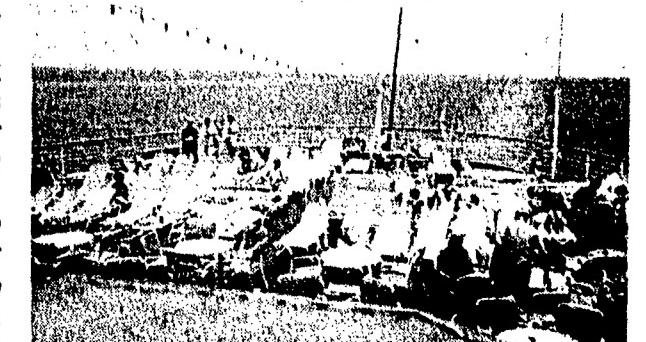
The nightlife presents an opportunity for students to mingle and socialize with students from all over the nation. Dancing in clubs or listening to live music are two of the most popular ways to spend a night on the town.

The spring sunshine also provides good sunbathing hours during the day as students relax for the next night.

Cruises

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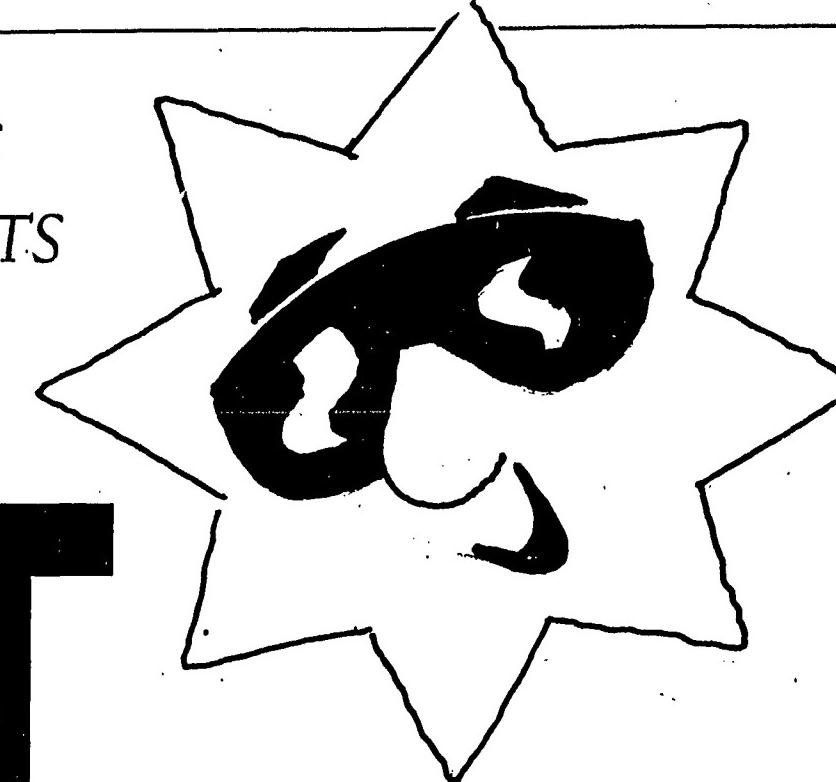


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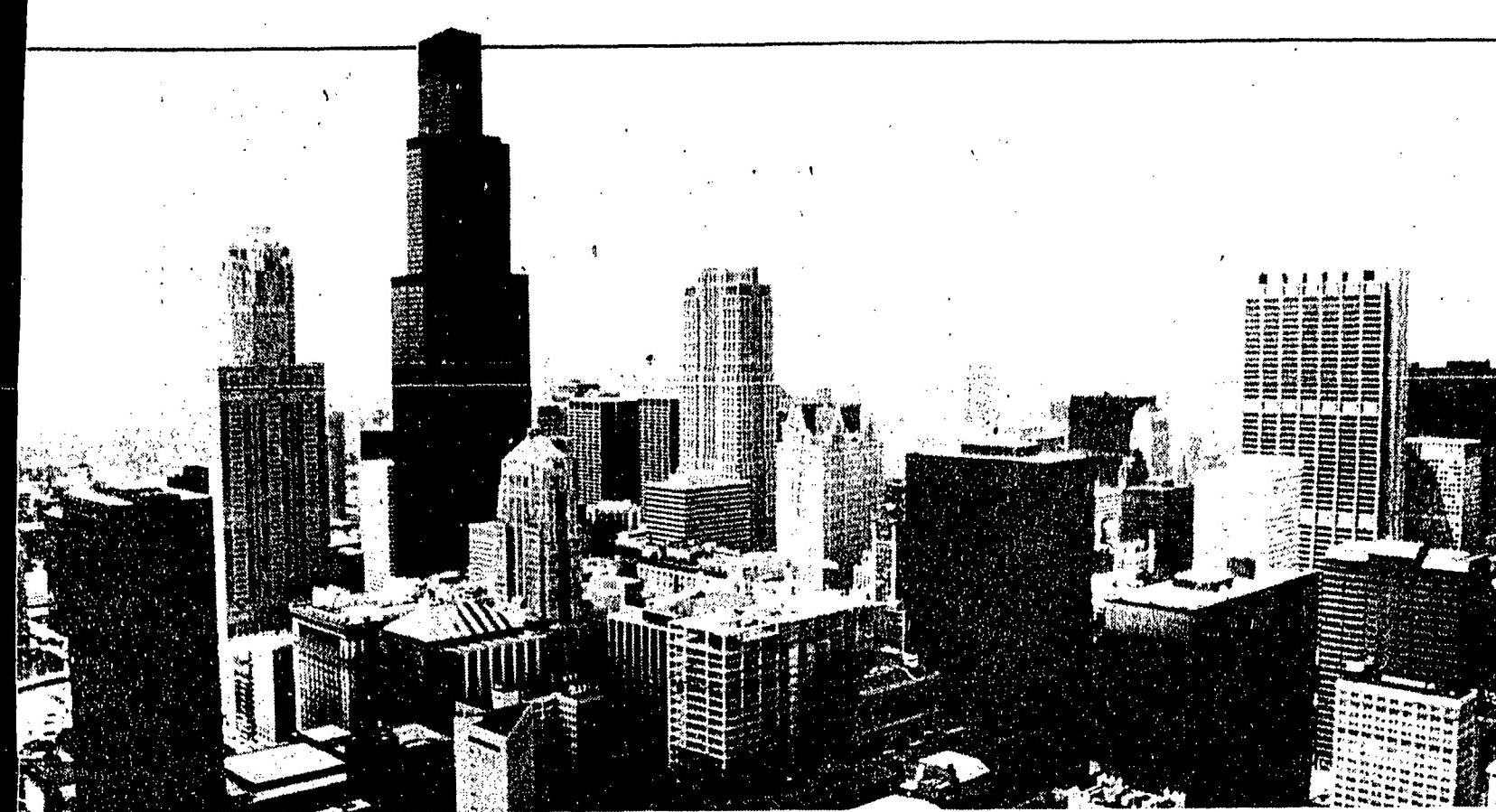
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Beyond St. Louis, several miles down the highway, is Chicago. The amount of things to see in this city could never be counted. There is something there for everyone.

Baseball fans will want to stop by Wrigley Field and take a look around where the Cubs play major league baseball. They will be in spring training, but surely one can find ball cap to buy to remember the trip.

The Chicago Museum of Modern Art is home to several works of Picasso and is a must for all visitors.

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walk down Rush Street will open one's eyes and a ride on the L-train will do the same.

There are countless museums ranging from history to science to automobiles in the country's third largest city.

If architecture is something one enjoys to study or admire, this is your town. From towering skyscrapers, like the Sears Tower, to historic Frank Lloyd Wright structures, there are many interesting structures to see in Chicago.

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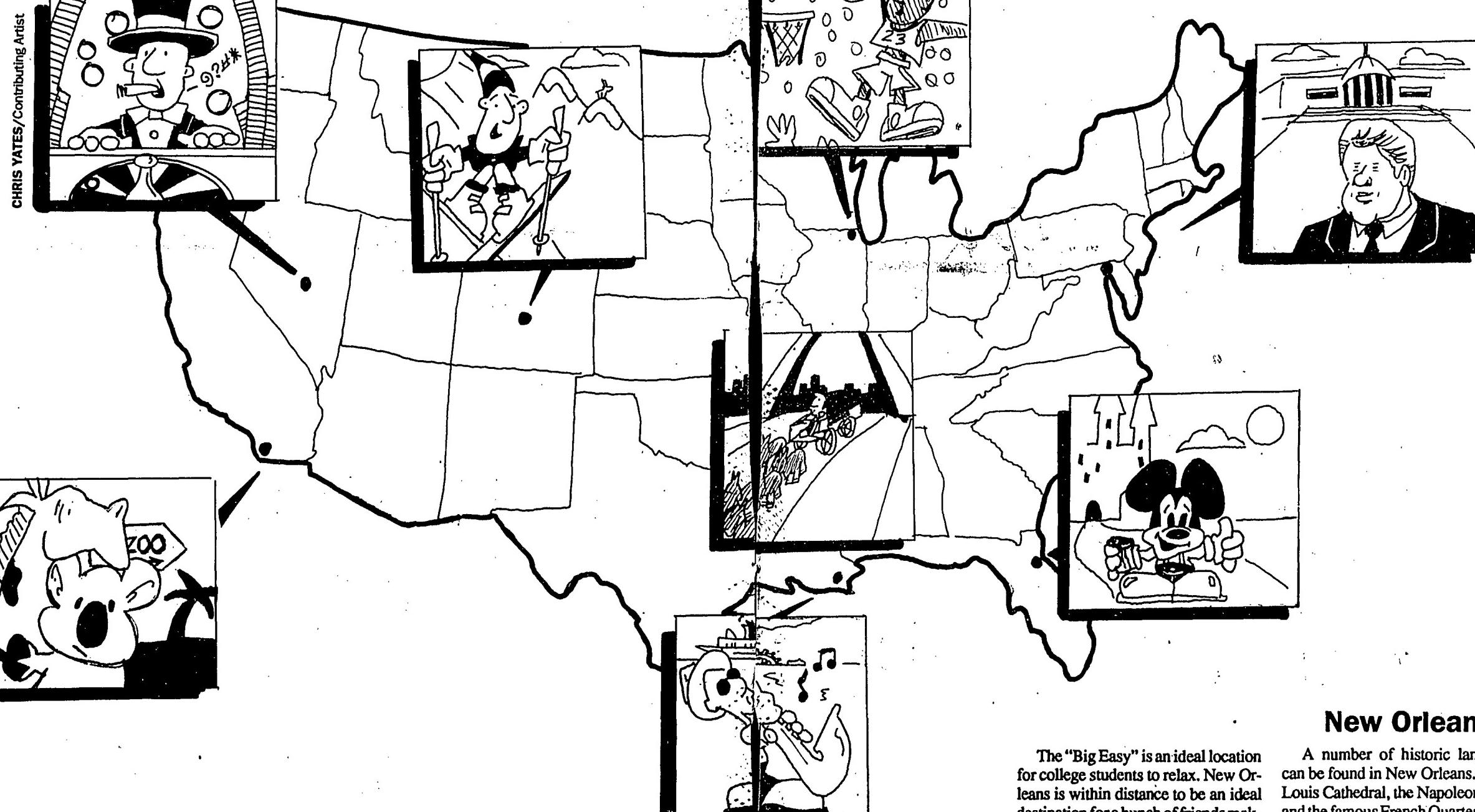
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BUDGETING

Condos offer advantages for large groups

While many people benefit from spacious living, others prefer conveniently located hotel chains.

By LISA KLINDT
Missourian Staff

Choosing whether to stay in a hotel or condominium is generally a matter of preference and size of the group. Whatever a person decides, it is always a good idea to start planning early.

"You have to start planning now if you want to get into some places with good prices," Martin Gonzalez, travel consultant for Passport Travel Inc. of Kansas City, said. "In some places, if the person likes the hotel they will reserve it again for the next year when they check out."

While hotels may be easier when it comes to confirming reservations, the number of people allocated per room is limited because of fire-safety laws.

Hotels offer some advantages that condos cannot offer. A hotel chain usually offers a variety of activities within walking distance. Depending

on the hotel chain, bars, restaurants, fitness centers and swimming pools may go along with the hotel package. Condos are usually spread out and getting to activity centers may require some walking.

"Some people just like to sit in the hotel lobby and watch the things going on around them," Lynn Grindstaff, travel consultant for Kansas City Travel Planners Inc., said. "Hotels usually have more amenities within walking distance."

Condos are furnished to give renters a "homey" feel during their stay. Renters can save a little money by making their meals at their own expense and convenience.

Condos are more spacious than hotel rooms, allowing a large group to live comfortably. Condos do not limit the size of a group under most circumstances. One-, two- or three-bedroom condos are usually available for rental.

"The main reason we have people

renting condos is because they can all be together rather than being in separate rooms at a hotel," Stephanie Ferguson, reservationist for Lodge of the Four Seasons Racquet Club in Kansas City, said.

Condos usually require a large damage deposit, which may not be refunded until after the group has checked out.

Some condo owners may require that one of the renters be 21. They are often reluctant to rent to college students, especially if there is no adult in the group.

According to Grindstaff, travel agencies are sometimes weary of working with large groups of college students.

"It's best if one to two students go at first and explain the situation up front," Grindstaff said. "I don't like to work with college students and hotel/condo reservations because I know they get abused."

Cost may be the biggest factor in deciding between a hotel or condo.

At Lodge of the Four Seasons

Racquet Club, condo prices range from \$110 to \$300 per night.

A two-bedroom condo, accommodating six people, costs approximately \$215 per night, while a three-bedroom condo, accommodating up to nine people, costs approximately \$290 per night. For large groups a condo would be an economically wise choice because of the ability to split costs and keep the group together. Some condo owners put limits on the number of people per room when minors are involved because of damage risks.

Hotel prices vary depending on location and chain affiliation. A one- or two-bedroom at Days Inn Hotel in South Padre Island, Texas, will cost approximately \$40 to \$45 per night. Lower-priced luxury hotels, such as the Caribe International in Cancun, Mexico, may charge as much as \$133 a night for one bedroom. Hotels limit the number of people in a room to four, except in special circumstances when five may be permitted. Students should make reservations as early as possible to take advantage of all benefits.

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CONDOS & HOTELS

Lodge of the Four Seasons Racquet Club:

\$110-\$300 per night for condos

\$215 per night for a two-bedroom for six people

\$290 per night for a three-bedroom for nine people

Days Inn Hotel at South Padre Island:

\$40-\$45 per night

Caribe International:

\$133 per night for a one-bedroom

Agencies help plan

By TONYA RESER
Assignment Editor

It is planning time once again for Spring Break. But where should students start? Some will say it is necessary to go through a travel agency or tour company while others will plan their itinerary on their own.

Travel agencies have been a vital part of vacations for years. They will take your plans for the perfect trip and try to fit them into reasonable packages through many of the tour companies they promote and work with. They also work with getaway packages offered by airlines.

Agencies also work with luxury cruise lines and do a majority of the booking for these companies. Therefore, agencies are vital in the cruise industry since the companies are reliant on the revenue they bring in.

The advantages of using an agency are their connections with the resources mentioned above to get the best deal. They have computers that are networked with every airline carrier so they are comparison shopping at one time.

"When we pull up reservations and availability on the computers, we are looking at a shopper's guide," Phyllis Schaefer, supervisor at Maupintour Travel in Kansas City, said. "We look at all the airlines at one time, where otherwise travelers would have to contact each one individually."

The clients can sit back and relax while someone does all the work for their vacation or business travel.

"People use us because of the convenience of not having to go to the airport to pick up tickets," Schaefer said. "Like in the case of pre-paid tickets, they have to be booked through an agent."

One misconception about the travel industry is every agency charges a service charge; this is not true. Agents make their money from commissions from airlines, cruise companies and package companies.

"We go the extra mile to suit clients' needs and we don't charge them a dime extra," Schaefer said.

However, many people plan their vacation themselves.

Packages make Spring Break vacations affordable

By CHRISTY SPAGNA
Assistant Editor

With the stress of the holidays behind everyone, it is time to start thinking about Spring Break. Looking for fun in the sun is just a part of it. The fun must come with a price. Surprisingly enough, people can travel to sun-filled beaches with a reasonably small amount of money.

Because of the flocking of college students during the month of March to many places, many resorts and beaches offer student packages. Many packages are still under wraps, but travel agents can quote prices for some places.

One hot spot many college students as well as other people go to for rest and relaxation, is South Padre Island, which is off the coast of Texas near the Mexican border.

Judy Setzer, AAA agent, explained that one can drive 16 hours and then pay for a hotel for about \$75 to \$110 a night. She also said that if students fly they can receive a discount on their hotel price.

Setzer quoted round trip airfare at

about \$250. She said this is ranked at the top for places to go for fun in the sun during March.

Another very popular location is the Tampa Bay and Sand Key area in Florida. One package always offered by this area is to have the airfare and hotel included in one package. This will run a person around \$550 to \$750 for a three- to four-night package.

The one place many people choose for fun and relaxation, as well as a place to meet new and exciting people, is Fort Lauderdale, Fla. To go there will cost around \$600 for airfare and a hotel package.

Setzer listed many places for college students to go for a break from school and parents, including Cancun, Mexico. She said this is ranked either No. 2 or 3 as being a hot spot for students. A trip like this will set a person back about \$750. This price will depend on how long the person wishes to stay.

Many students who can afford to go some place more extravagant usually take a cruise to the Caribbean.

Taking a trip on the ocean usually

costs anywhere between \$1,100 to \$1,500 a person for a seven-day cruise. Setzer said these are nice Christmas gifts that many students receive from their parents.

Students who cannot afford to go to Florida or take a cruise will often go to Colorado for the snow.

To drive to Denver would take about a day or two. Once there, students

would have to give up around \$125 to \$300 a day for lodging.

Setzer said students usually go in on a condominium, which can fit between eight and 10 people. Ski rentals would cost \$15 to \$25, and lift tickets would cost around \$20 to \$35 a day.

Skiing for Spring Break is becoming more and more popular for students, according to Setzer.

There are many places around the country one can go to have fun. Some people wish to stay home and sleep during Spring Break, but those who feel a need to go to a beach or slopes should start saving now for the trip.

Setzer said if any students or parents are AAA members, they can go to their local AAA office and pick up tour books on any area they wish to visit.

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VACATION PACKAGES*

Denver

\$125-\$300

South Padre Island

\$350-\$400

Tampa Bay/Sand Key

\$550-\$750

Fort Lauderdale

\$500-\$600

Cancun

\$650-\$750

Caribbean Cruise

\$1,100-\$1,500

*approximate costs include travel and hotel expenses

Students arrange transportation with planes, trains, automobiles

By CHRIS GEGG
Missourian Staff

destination faster or if you want to save money."

For students, the decision of arriving faster at their destination or saving money is one that they must face when selecting transportation. Peg Hines, senior, says it is the time factor.

"I usually take the transportation that gets me there the fastest," Hines said. "When it comes to traveling, I'm impatient."

Tom Cole, sophomore, said it is important to him to use the transportation that will get him there the fastest.

"I would use an airplane since it's my big vacation of the year, and I intend to do it right," Cole said. "Sure it costs a lot, but it is worth it."

According to Apple, most airlines offer special discounts to those who reserve early.

"The advantage of getting tickets early is that an airline company only allows a certain amount of discount tickets per flight," Apple said. "Certain flights at the moment have companion rates, where one person rides for a regular price and a friend flies free. The airline company, however, only allows a certain amount of tickets to be sold like that per flight. So if students can make reservations ahead of time, then they will have a choice of flight times and days."

According to Theresa Bayer, junior, money is the important element.

"As a college student, I don't have too much money to spend on a Spring Break trip to begin with," Bayer said. "The money that I do have I want to use wisely, which means I would shop around, see what gets me there the cheapest."

According to Randell Cookus, a representative from Amtrak in Kansas City, the number of reservations are always higher near Spring Break time.

"We find that many students use Amtrak as a part of their transportation to reach Mexico," Cookus said. "Students will take Amtrak to St. Louis, then south to San Antonio. Then they'll rent a car and drive to Mexico."

For some students, flying is an option eliminated because of fears.

"We have people come in here and inform us that they can't fly because of their fear for flying," Apple said.

According to Cookus, many students who decide to travel by train or car to their Spring Break destination

do so for the "freedom" idea.

"Students who take a train have the opportunity of freedom and are given more time to party," Cookus said. "In a train you are free to move around, and in a plane you are hooked down into your seat."

It is important to look at all of the options.

"It's important for students to remember that during Spring Break you don't want to mess with the hassles of transportation," Apple said. "Plan ahead so you can enjoy the break."

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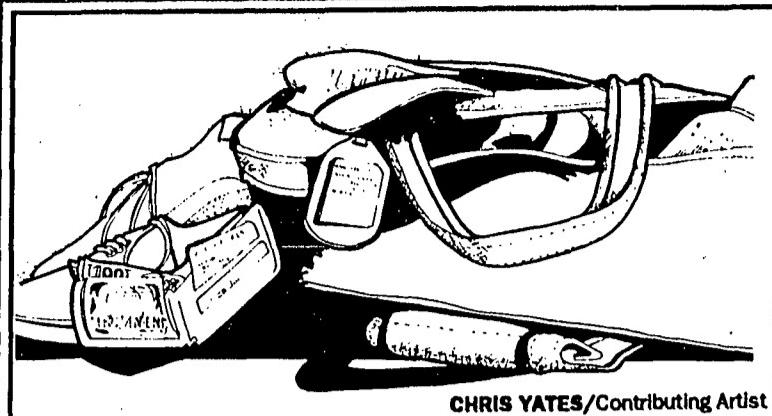
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- Tickets
- Passport
- Vaccination certificate
- Wallet
- Traveler's checks
- Itinerary
- Reservations
- Phone numbers

General checklist:

- First-aid supplies
- Camera and film
- Clock
- Comb/Brush
- Deodorant
- Needles and thread
- Plastic bags
- Prescriptions
- Soap
- Suntan lotion
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Umbrella
- Calling card

- Addresses and stamps
- Glasses
- Aspirin
- Sunglasses

- Bathing trunks
- Hat
- Pajamas
- Raincoat
- Shaving supplies
- Shoes
- Socks
- Thongs

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PLANNING

Planning prevents unnecessary mishaps

Remember cards, cash or checks for trip home; bring appropriate attire.

By JENNIFER STEWART
Missourian Staff

As warmer days roll around, Spring Break becomes more of a reality to students. Plans start to develop on how to spend the long-deserved recess of school. After the destination has been decided on and travel plans made, packing is one of the next logical steps.

Many college students head off toward the vacation spot unprepared. They find out too late what things they should have taken, but didn't. It can really ruin a trip.

Money is one of the most important things a person can take. It is a terrible feeling to be stuck without enough money to buy the basic necessities or even make it home. Before taking a trip, sit down and list what expenses may occur. Allot for hotel, transportation and meal costs.

Entertainment is one aspect of a trip that is neglected when planning. People tend to spend more money than they

thought they would when they go out. Eventually it will run them short toward the end of the trip. Entertainment can make a big dent in a budget, so plan wisely.

Don't forget about the trip home. There will be transportation and meals going back. It's always safe to take a little extra cash just in case. Incidents always seem to pop up. If possible, tuck away a few extra dollars for emergencies.

It is not always a good idea to bring strictly cash. Have a mixture of cash, traveler's checks, credit cards and regular checks if possible. It can prove to be very practical.

Traveler's checks give the security needed and are accepted most everywhere. Regular checks offer a lot of security also, but are not as easy to use when out of town. Most hotels are more than willing to cash a personal check when needed.

Credit cards are very convenient in an emergency, but too often the great-looking outfit in the window or the \$150 sunglasses become an emergency. Try not to abuse credit cards and only use them in a tight situation.

The hike in prices when on vacation is not uncommon. The cost of basic necessities tends to double, even triple, when you have no other choice. Make sure everyday items such as cigarettes, film or toiletries are stocked in advance.

Pay close attention to where the trip is. If it is to the beach, bring appropriate attire. Of course a swimsuit would be packed in the suitcase along with sunblock and a pair of shades. Just because home could be north and there is 2 feet of snow on the ground, the sun still shines on the beaches in Florida.

If the mountains are the destination, still bring that sunblock and sunglasses. While skiing down the side of a mountain, a person's face is still capable of being sunburned.

The glare off the snow can be worse on the eyes than the sun itself. Also, just because it is colder up in the mountains, the town below could be warmer. Different attire may apply.

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to call in case of an emergency.

Make sure all aspects of the trip are looked into beforehand. Keep in mind where you will go, how long the break is and who is going. Vacations can be more enjoyable when the little details have been taken care of.

Travel plans should be made 30 days in advance

By SHANE WHITAKER
Missourian Staff

have hard-core plans yet, at least you should have an idea of where you want to go, who you want to go with and about how much money you have to spend.

Money is an important factor whether you spend your break at home watching reruns or if you're off to some tropical island to catch some rays.

If you're planning on catching some tropical rays, it might be best to know where you want to go and approximately how much it would cost before heading home. Why? Because part of your preparation might have to involve buttering up parents or relatives for a chunk of the money to send you to paradise.

"If you start out early you can warn your parents up to this idea," Bridget Brown, manager of Cotter Travel, said.

Brown said if students make an effort to get things rolling before Christmas it helps let their parents know they are serious about wanting to go.

Everyone will always want the best price, and if they have some place special they want to go, then they will definitely want to try to get that place.

"Price and choice are two great advantages of planning ahead," Brown said.

She said there are only so many places open at a certain spot. If you start planning early you get a choice of where you want to stay and usually you can

get it cheap because there are so many available. But if you wait, the demand goes up as the choice gets smaller and generally the price will increase also.

"Students keep prices down by traveling in groups," Brown said.

Brown explained some students make tentative plans of what they want to do on Spring Break with a group of friends, but once it comes down to doing it only one student is really ready to make the commitment.

Options of travel may also affect how early you may decide to plan. Flying deserves attention rather early to get the best price. However, prices can vary so you may not want to buy your ticket too early.

Brown said if you plan on flying it would be unlikely to book a flight to any of the typical Spring Break hangouts if you didn't plan at least 30 days in advance.

But if you are driving it may be possible to find a hotel in the last 30 days. Brown said this possibility comes into play because of cancellations, and in some condominiums they put people in rooms with people they don't know to fill them.

A bus trip does not always seem too attractive, but if you plan early there are usually some good deals on charter buses.

"Students forget they are not the only ones traveling for Spring Break," Brown said. Therefore, it would not be wise to put planning off.

Cruises, flights and packaged trips will all require a down payment and the remainder of the payment usually 30 to 60 days in advance.

Travel group gives 10 environmental tips

■ Respect the frailty of the earth. Realize that unless all are willing to help in its preservation, unique and beautiful destinations may not be here for future generations to enjoy.

■ Leave only footprints. Take only photographs. No graffiti. No litter.

■ To make your travels more meaningful, educate yourself about the geography, customs, manners and cultures of the region you visit.

■ Respect the privacy and dignity of others. Inquire before photographing people.

■ Do not buy products made from endangered plants or animals, such as ivory, tortoise shell, animal skins and feathers. Read "Know Before You Go," the U.S. Customs list of products.

■ Always follow designated trails. Do not disturb animals, plants or their natural habitats.

■ Learn about the support conservation-oriented programs and organizations working to preserve the environment.

■ Whenever possible, walk or utilize environmentally-sound methods of transportation. Encourage drivers of public vehicles to stop engines when parked.

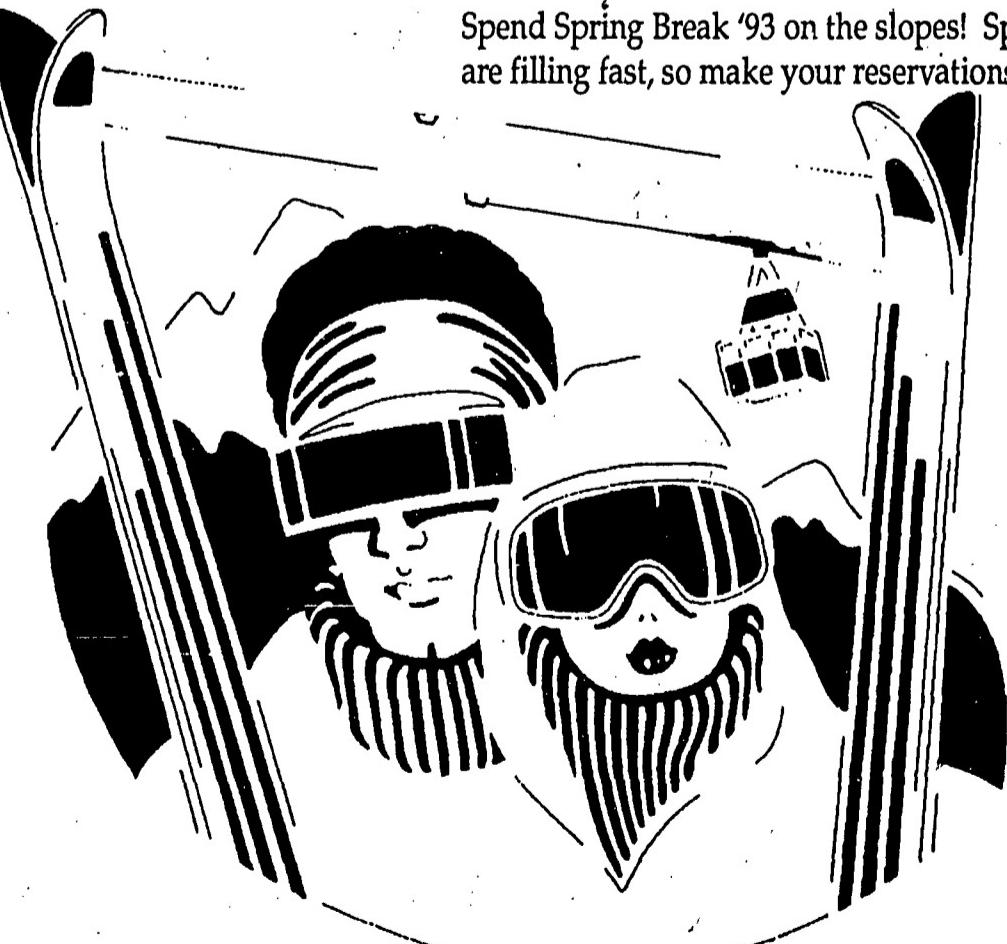
■ Patronize those (hotels, airlines, resorts, cruise lines, tour operators and suppliers) who advance energy and environmental conservation.

■ Ask your American Society of Travel Agents to identify organizations which subscribe to ASTA environmental guidelines of air, land and sea travel.

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Nice is the beginning of the French Riviera. Tourists and locals alike take advantage of the Mediterranean Sea and the sun's rays. Sun-worshippers flock to the beach for an afternoon of fun. In the night they go across the harbor to Monte Carlo and put big stakes up against Lady Luck. It is the part of the city that never sleeps. In Nice, the people greet you with hospitality and warmth.

Old World scenic views offer mystic amazement

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For anyone looking for adventure, Europe is ideal if you've ever dreamed of experiencing the splendor and grace of a grand era gone-by.

"I had just always wanted to go there," Laura Pierson, senior, said. "There was so much old world charm. Here in America, old is maybe 200 years. There, old is walking through castles and cathedrals that had been built in the 12th century. We just don't have the grandeur they do."

Though a trip to Great Britain may seem like a huge undertaking, it is really what you make of it. With the right planning and a little saving, the trip does not have to cost a fortune.

The first step in beginning the adventure is securing reasonable airfare and accommodations. This is never as difficult as it sounds, but may require a little patience in seeking out the most

economical route. Packages and special air rates are often available, simply call or visit various travel agencies or airline ticket counters to find the best deal. It's safe to anticipate paying \$500 to \$700 for a round-trip fare.

Lodging is the next item to consider. If you're used to stopping for the evening in a Holiday Inn, be warned.

Most establishments that are equivalent to hotels Americans are accustomed to can be expensive, roughly \$110 to \$200. For those looking for a cheaper outlet, bed and breakfasts are a great way to go.

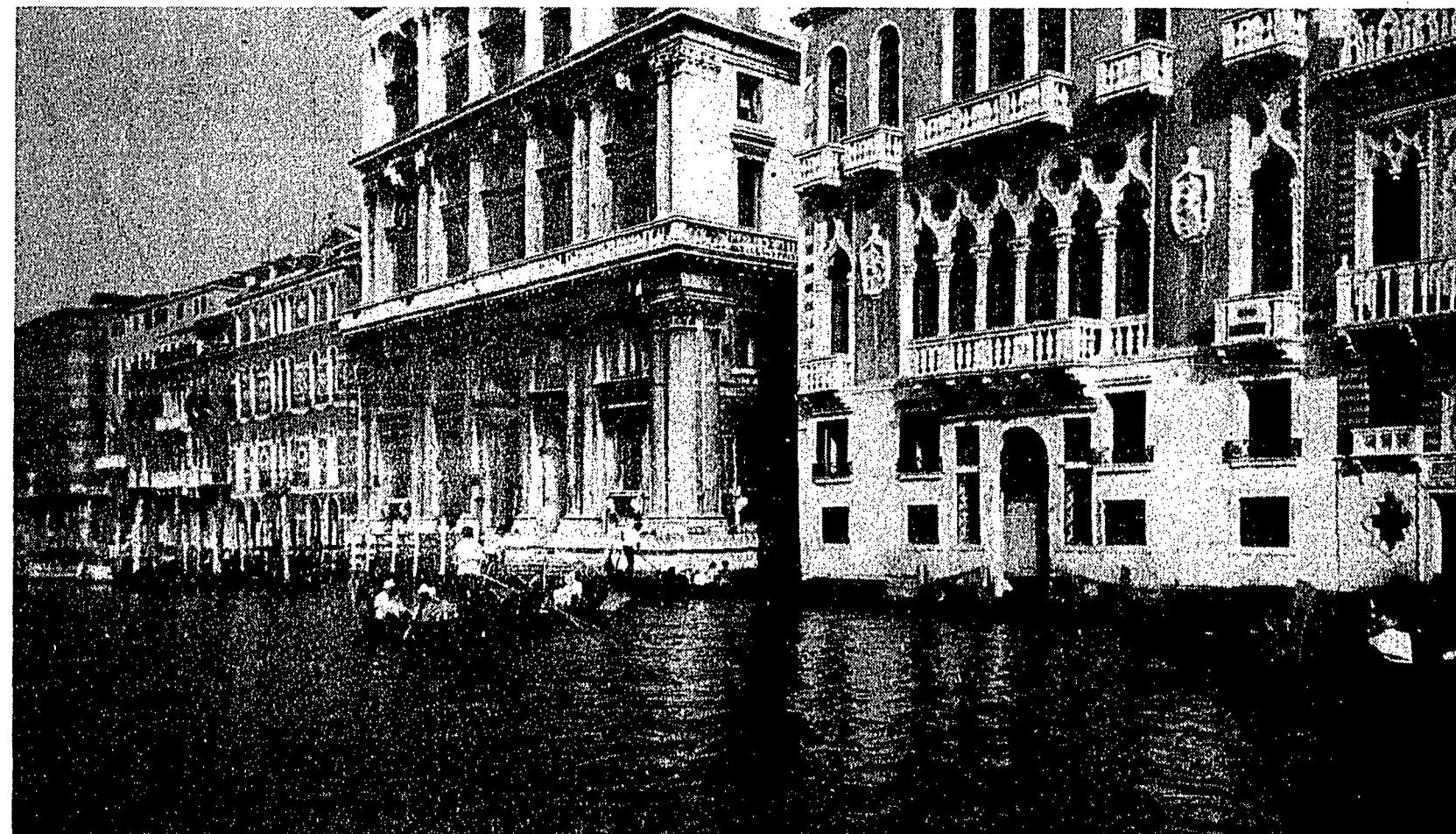
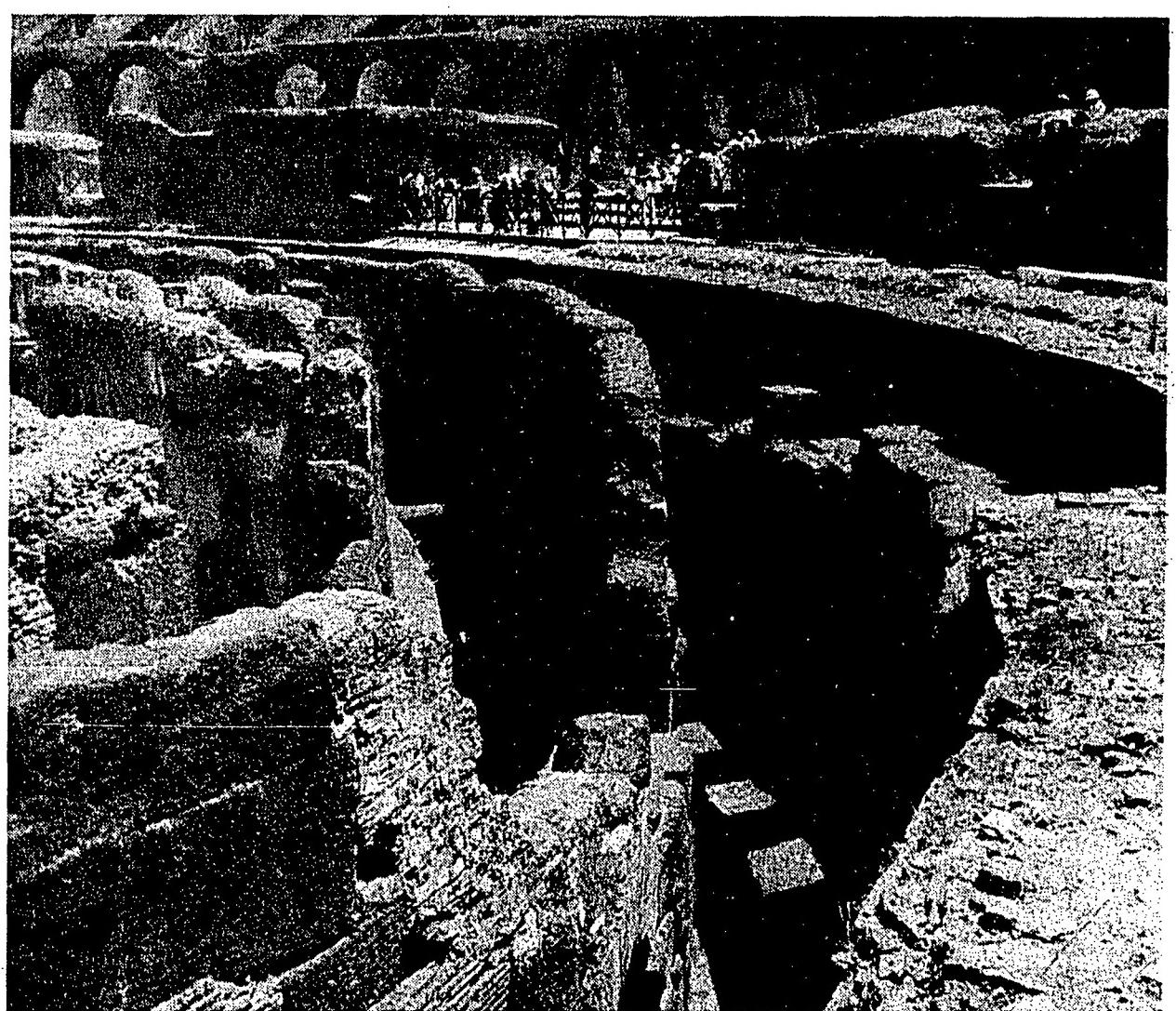
The best thing about staying at a bed and breakfast, especially when traveling abroad, is getting to experience the culture first-hand," Steve Rhodes, senior, said. "Seeing the customs up close with the way people live and hearing the accents in the household is really part of the experience you cannot duplicate in the business-establishment atmosphere of a hotel."

Visitors are encouraged to venture outside of the cities to experience country life that is not found within the city. Day tours are offered by numerous agencies, or for those more adventurous, the public rail system is a terrific way to travel into and out of the city.

While outside of the city, it is important to note the times eating establishments shut-down for the evening as many close earlier than most anticipate. If you are looking to extend your day trip and enjoy some night life, dining in local pubs is a unique way to grab a tasty meal and see yet another side to true English charm. Taverns and pubs also keep the hours tourists and visitors are more accustomed to.

Spring Break happens once a year, why not make it a trip to remember?

The maze in the Colosseum in Rome held many gladiatorial wars. Spectators sat above the maze and cheered on their favorite gladiator.

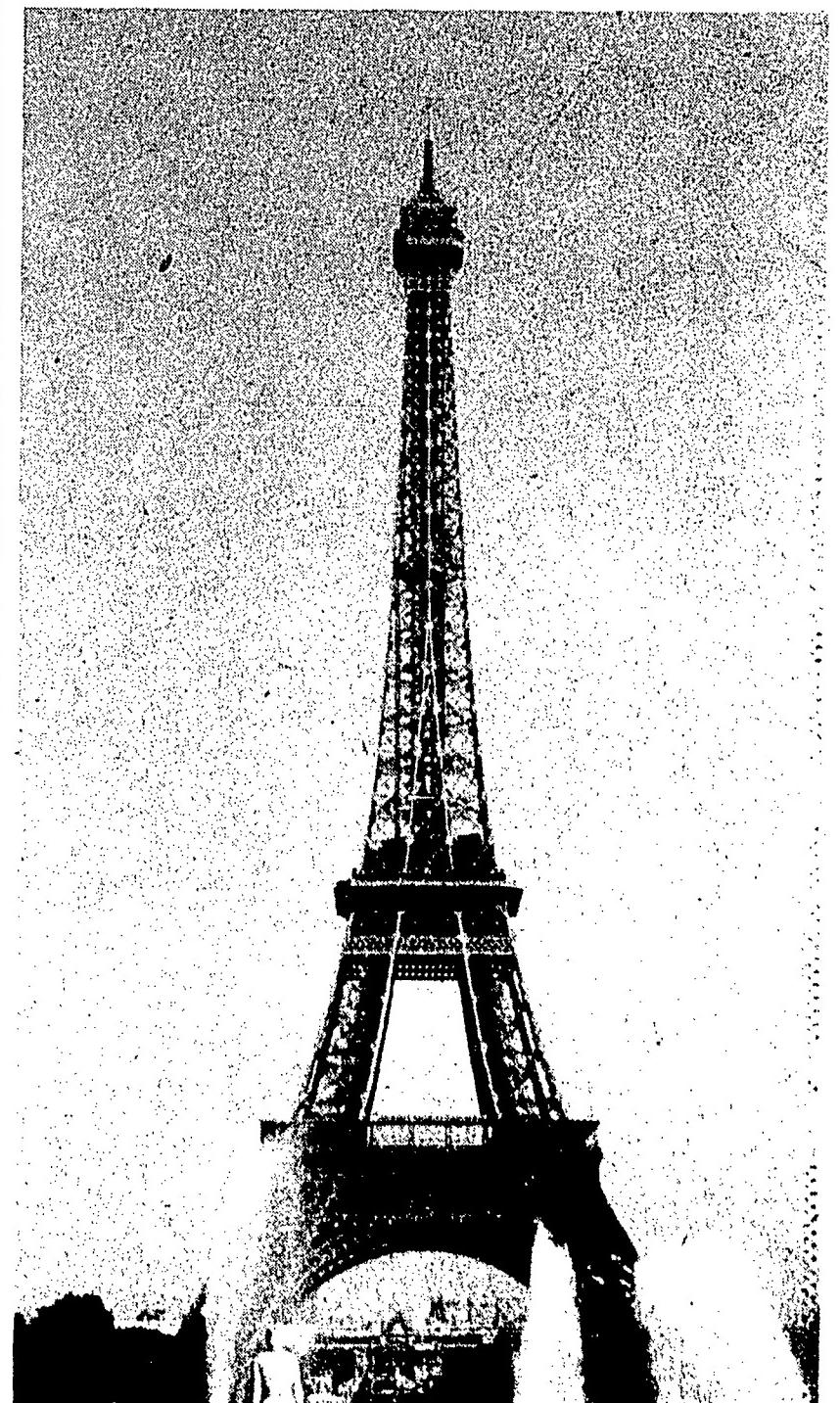


The Canals are the main thoroughfares of Venice, not only are they practical, but they also serve as a beautiful way to view the city. Many of the homes and shops were built along the canal. St. Mark's Square holds the main shopping and tourist attractions for many foreigners.

The view of the Harbor of the French Riviera is from the castle of Prince Rainier and the late Princess Grace of Monaco. Many French and tourists utilize the harbor. Casinos are a big part of the nightlife in Monte Carlo, which is next to Monaco.



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The Eiffel Tower in Paris is one of the main attractions for many tourists. The historic landmark has an elevator in it for people to ride to the top to take a scenic overview of Paris. During the summer months many Europeans and Americans flock to the landmark.